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IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE WORLD WAR III IS OVER, AND A NEW WALL RUNS THROUGH GERMANY. ON ONE SIDE IS ONE OF THE LAST AFFLUENT SOCIETIES, ON THE OTHER IS THE THIRD WORLD. AND THE STORMING OF THE FORTRESS OF THE RICH HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

THIS IS AN ODYSSEY THROUGH A POST-APOCALYPTIC WORLD FULL OF VIOLENCE AND DEATH. WILL DODO AND NUKE FIND PEACE AND SECURITY BEYOND THE WALL, OR HAVE DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM BEEN REPLACED BY A TOTALITARIAN REGIME HERE TOO?

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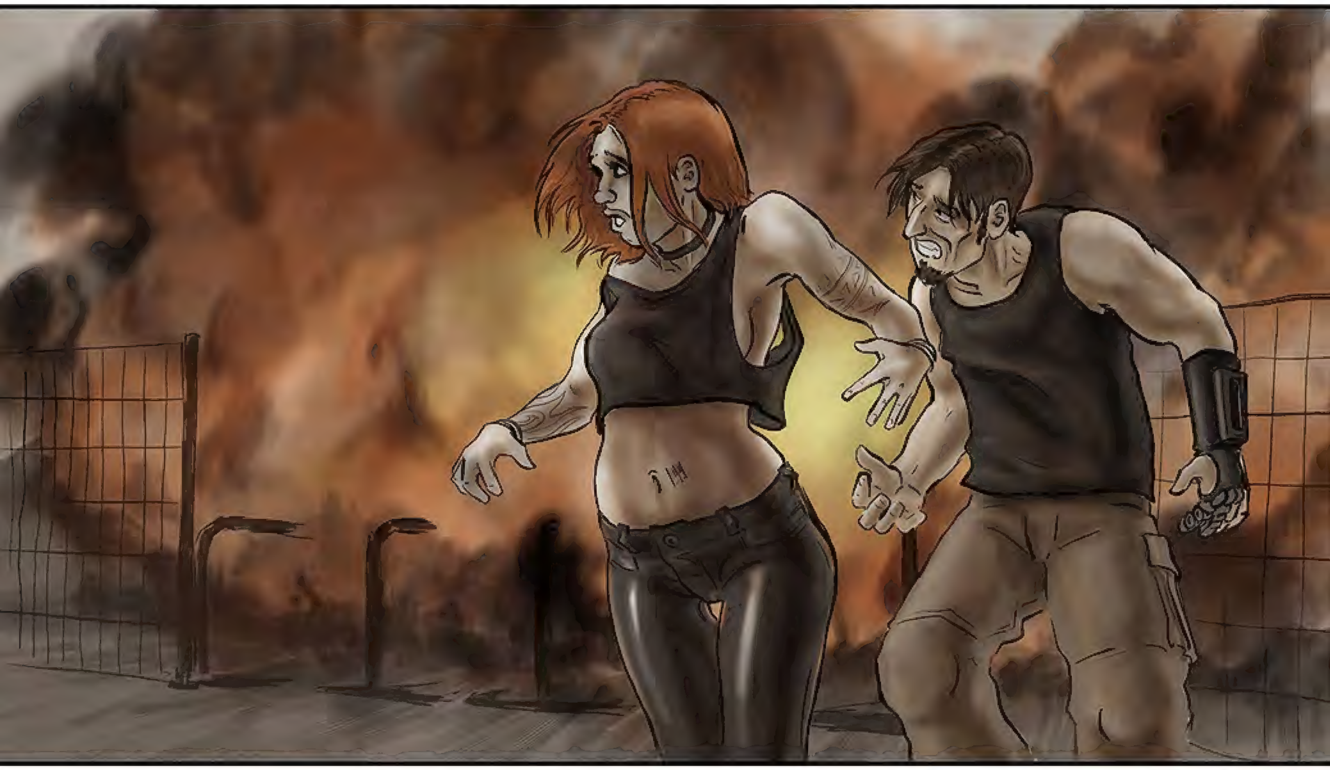
IT'S BEEN A WHOPPING 18 YEARS SINCE I PUBLISHED THE FIRST ISSUE WITH THENEXTART. SO MY SERIES BABY HAS GROWN UP. I HOPE YOU, DEAR READER, ENJOY THIS STORY AS MUCH AS I DID WHEN REDISCOVERING THIS OLD STORY.



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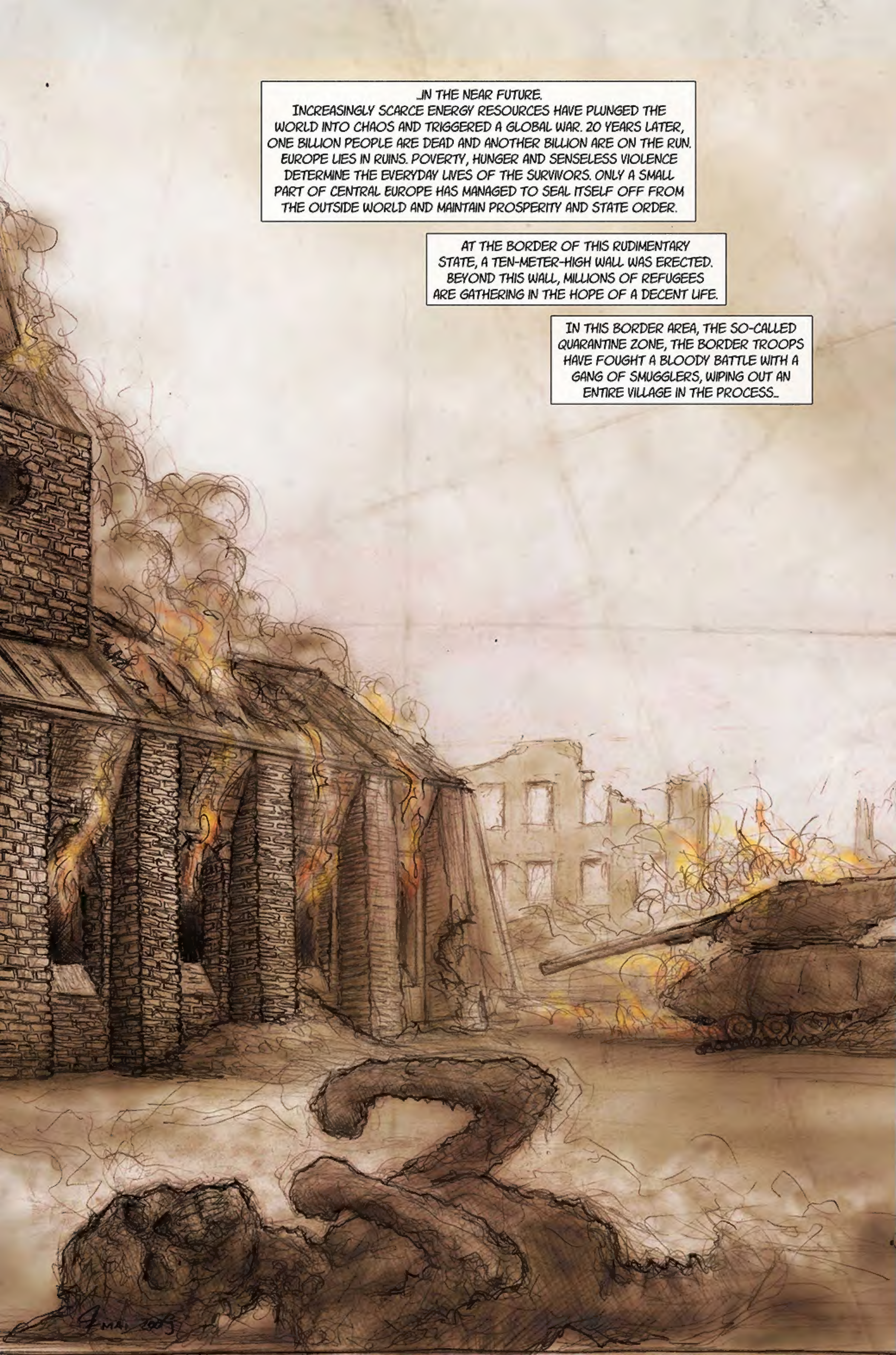
…IN THE NEAR FUTURE. INCREASINGLY SCARCE ENERGY RESOURCES HAVE PLUNGED THE WORLD INTO CHAOS AND TRIGGERED A GLOBAL WAR. 20 YEARS LATER, ONE BILLION PEOPLE ARE DEAD AND ANOTHER BILLION ARE ON THE RUN. EUROPE LIES IN RUINS. POVERTY, HUNGER AND SENSELESS VIOLENCE DETERMINE THE EVERYDAY LIVES OF THE SURVIVORS. ONLY A SMALL PART OF CENTRAL EUROPE HAS MANAGED TO SEAL ITSELF OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND MAINTAIN PROSPERITY AND STATE ORDER.
AT THE BORDER OF THIS RUDIMENTARY STATE, A TEN-METER-HIGH WALL WAS ERECTED. BEYOND THIS WALL, MILLIONS OF REFUGEES ARE GATHERING IN THE HOPE OF A DECENT LIFE.
IN THIS BORDER AREA, THE SO-CALLED QUARANTINE ZONE, THE BORDER TROOPS HAVE FOUGHT A BLOODY BATTLE WITH A GANG OF SMUGGLERS, WIPING OUT AN ENTIRE VILLAGE IN THE PROCESS…

CHAPTER 1 BORDERLAND

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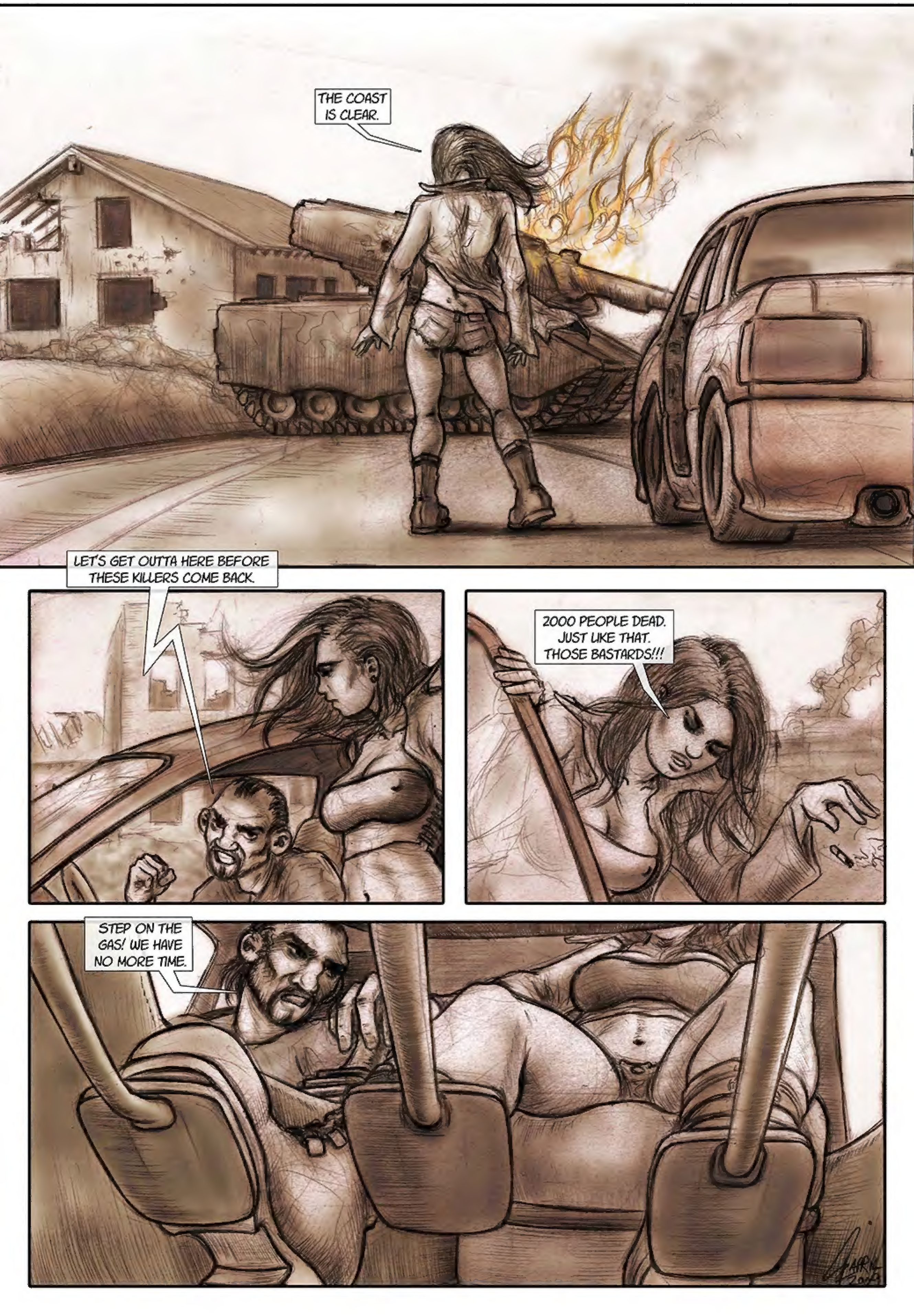
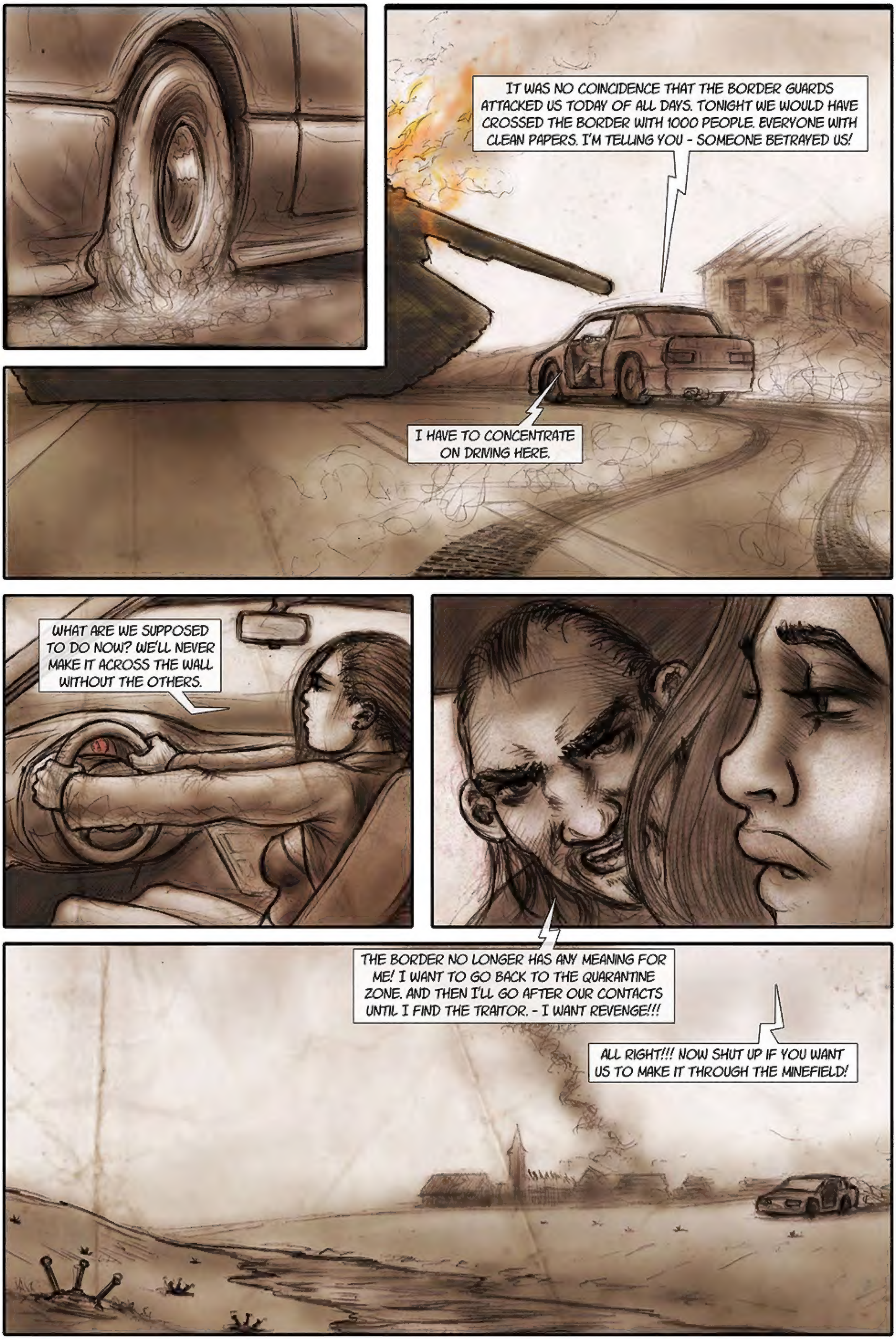
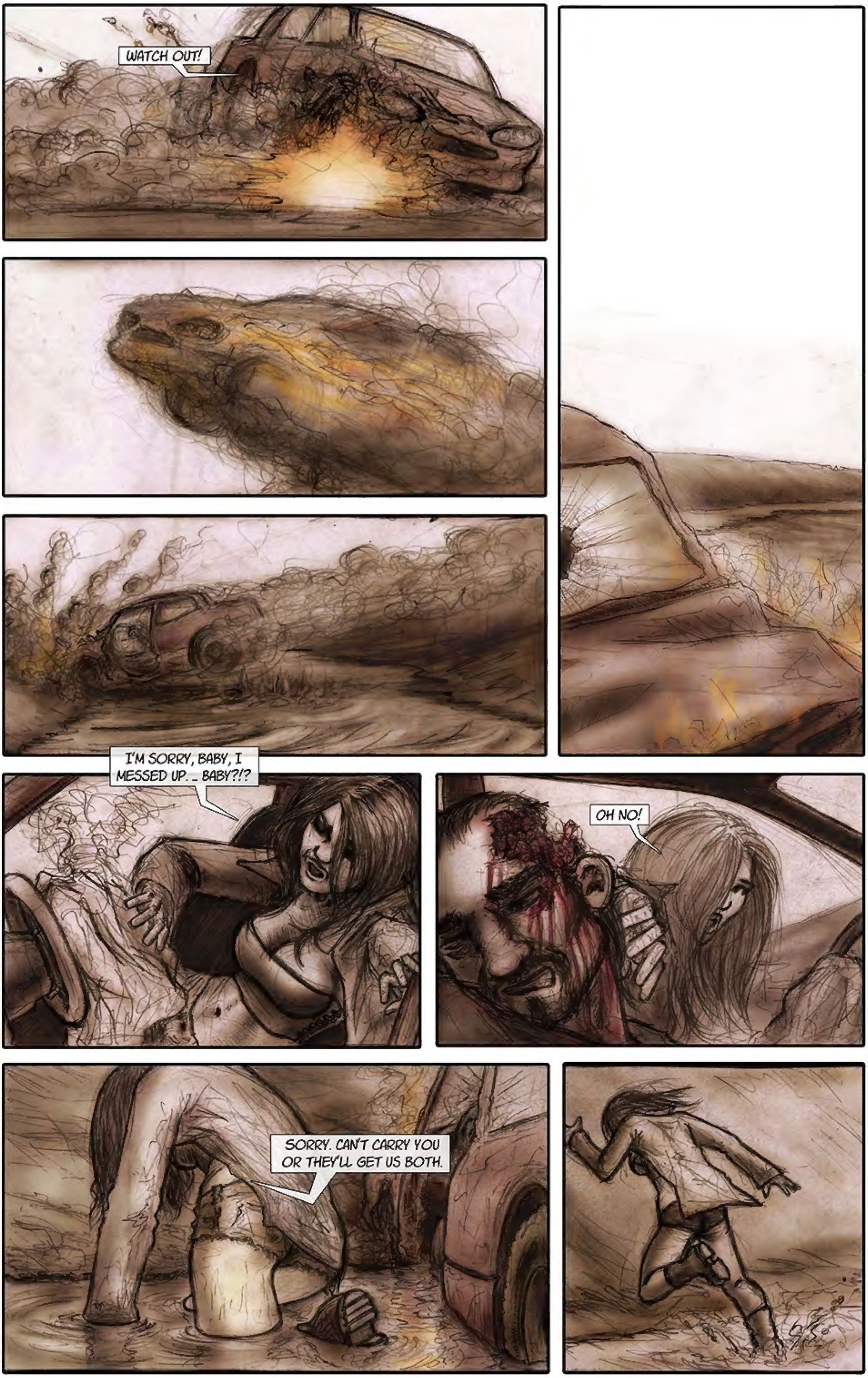
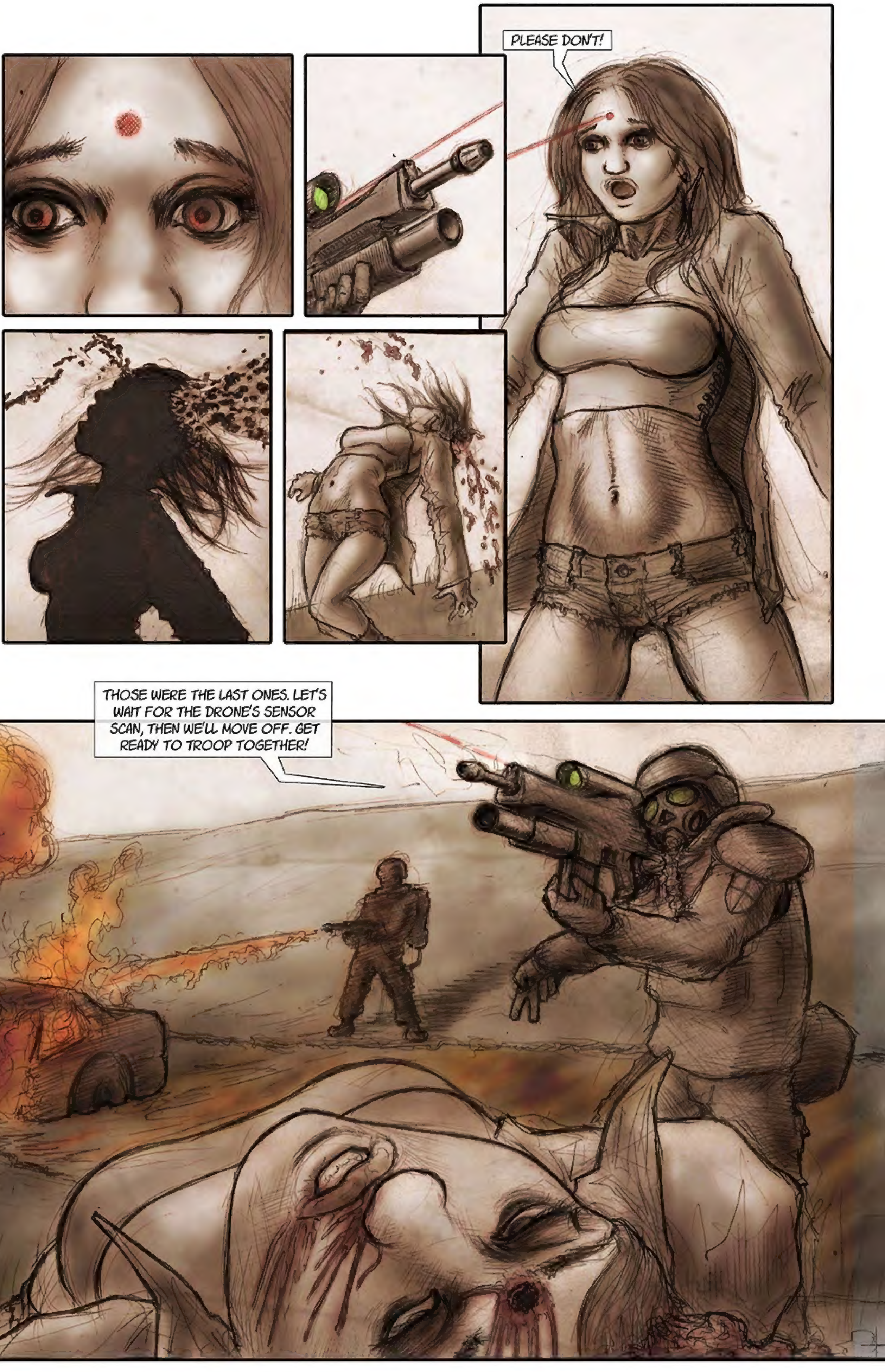
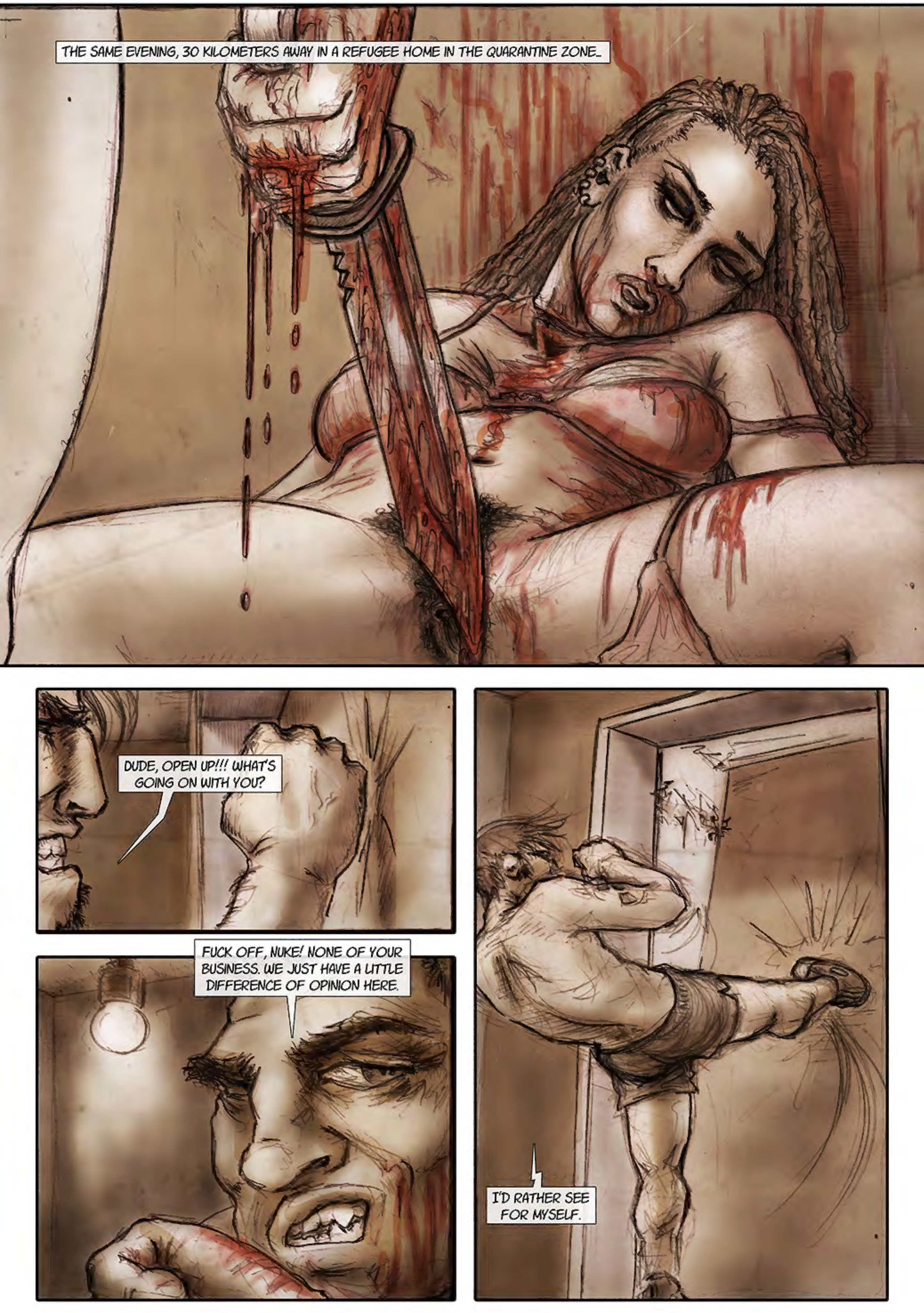
TEIL I: GRENZGEBIET

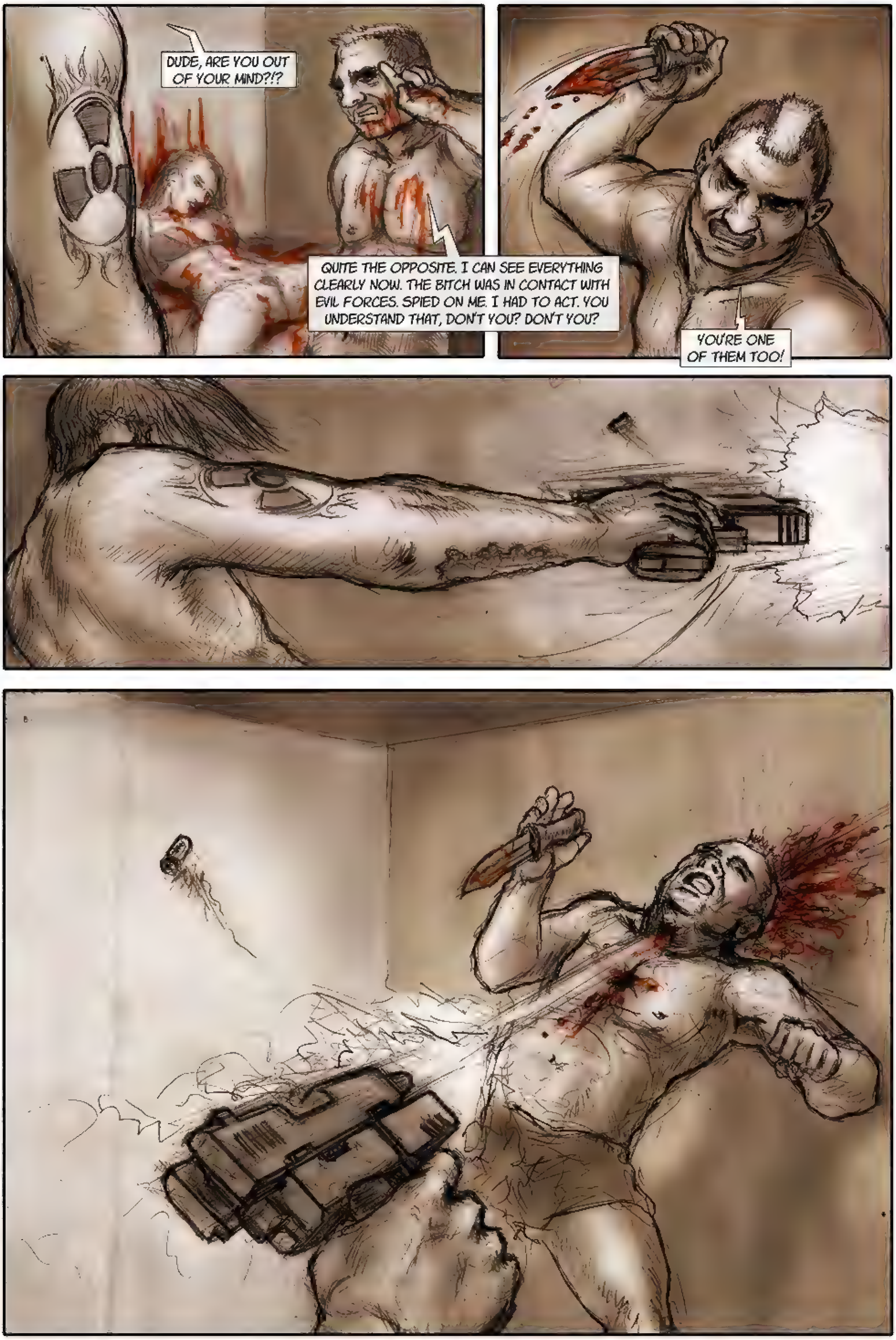

THE COAST IS CLEAR.
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE BEFORE THESE KILLERS COME BACK.
2000 PEOPLE DEAD. JUST LIKE THAT. THOSE BASTARDS!!!
STEP ON THE GAS! WE HAVE NO MORE TIME.

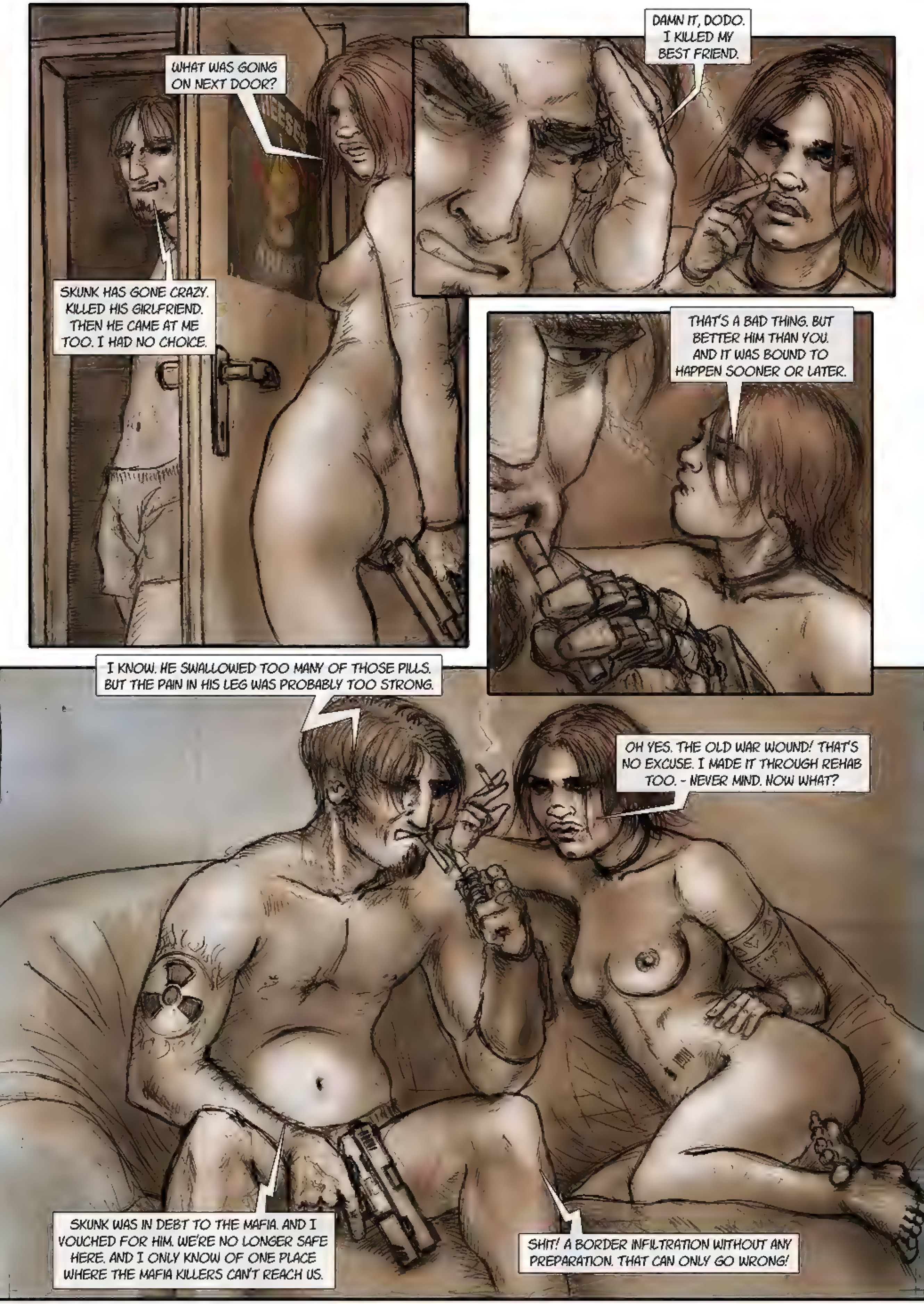

IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE THAT THE BORDER GUARDS ATTACKED US TODAY OF ALL DAYS. TONIGHT WE WOULD HAVE CROSSED THE BORDER WITH 1000 PEOPLE. EVERYONE WITH CLEAN PAPERS. I'M TELLING YOU - SOMEONE BETRAYED US!
I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ON DRIVING HERE.
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW? WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT ACROSS THE WALL WITHOUT THE OTHERS.
THE BORDER NO LONGER HAS ANY MEANING FOR ME! I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE QUARANTINE ZONE. AND THEN I'LL GO AFTER OUR CONTACTS UNTIL I FIND THE TRAITOR. - I WANT REVENGE!!!
ALL RIGHT!!! NOW SHUT UP IF YOU WANT US TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE MINEFIELD!

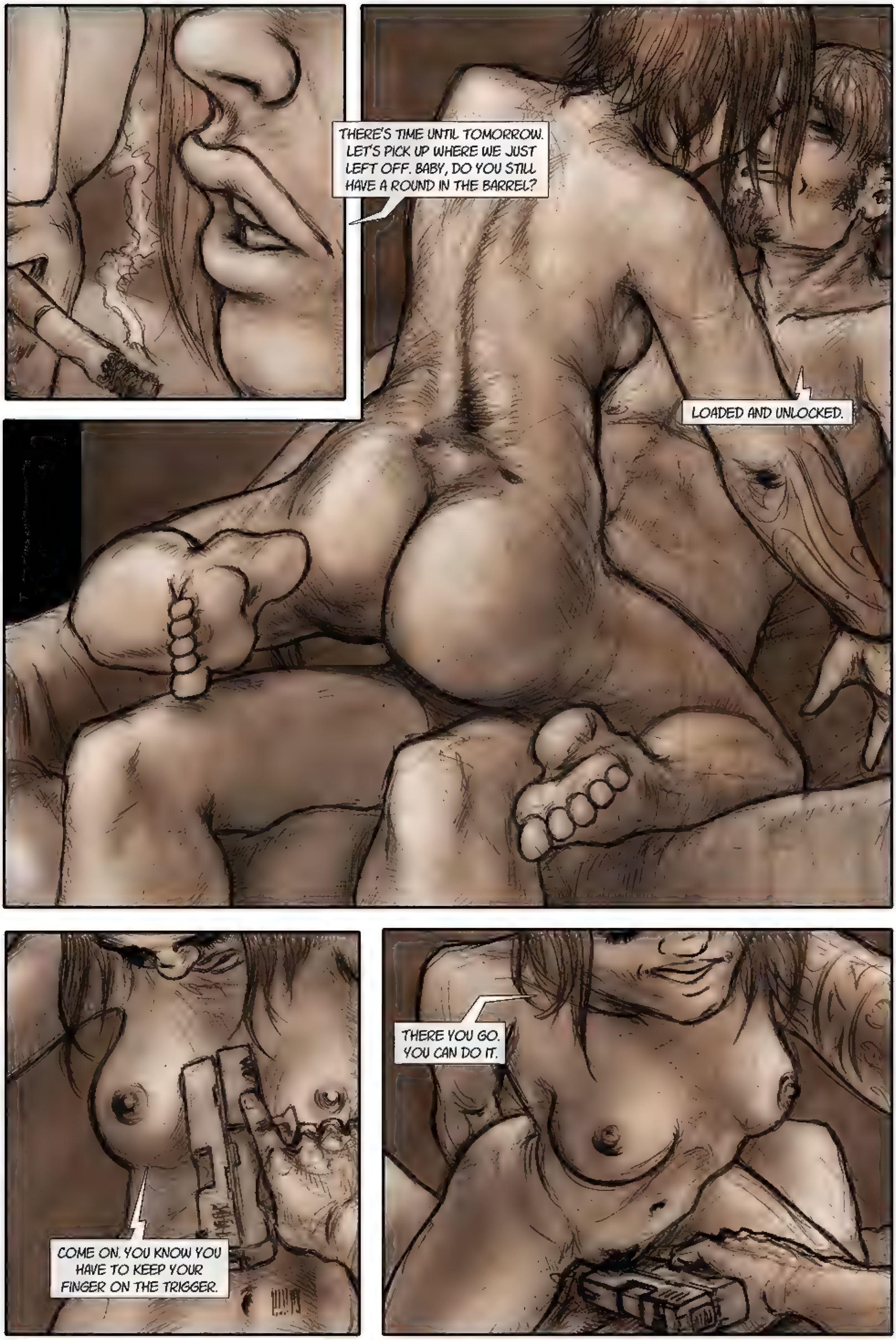

WATCH OUT!
I'M SORRY, BABY, I MESSED UP... BABY?!?
OH NO!
SORRY. CAN'T CARRY YOU OR THEY'LL GET US BOTH.

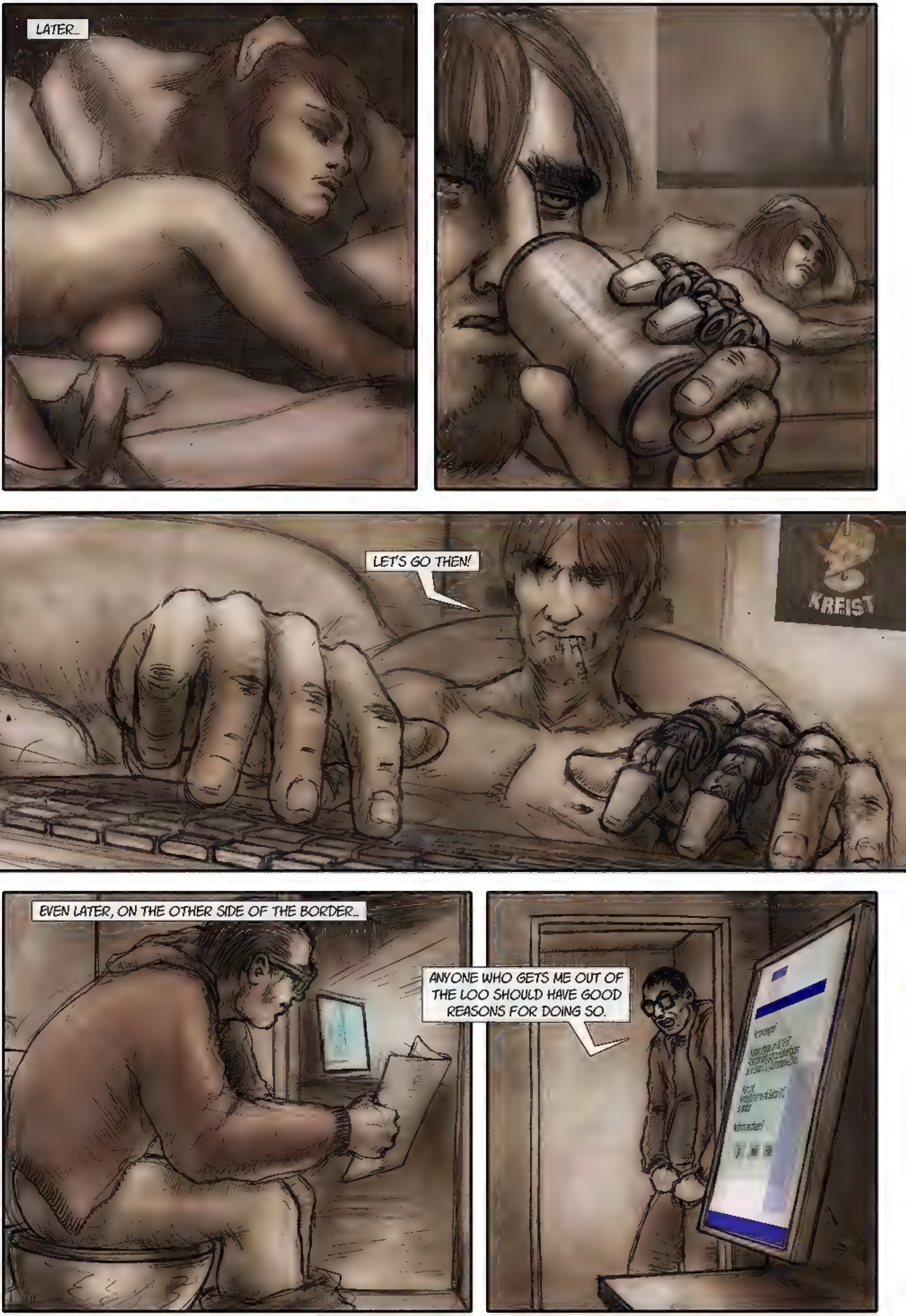

PLEASE DON'T!
THOSE WERE THE LAST ONES. LET'S WAIT FOR THE DRONE'S SENSOR SCAN, THEN WE'LL MOVE OFF. GET READY TO TROOP TOGETHER!

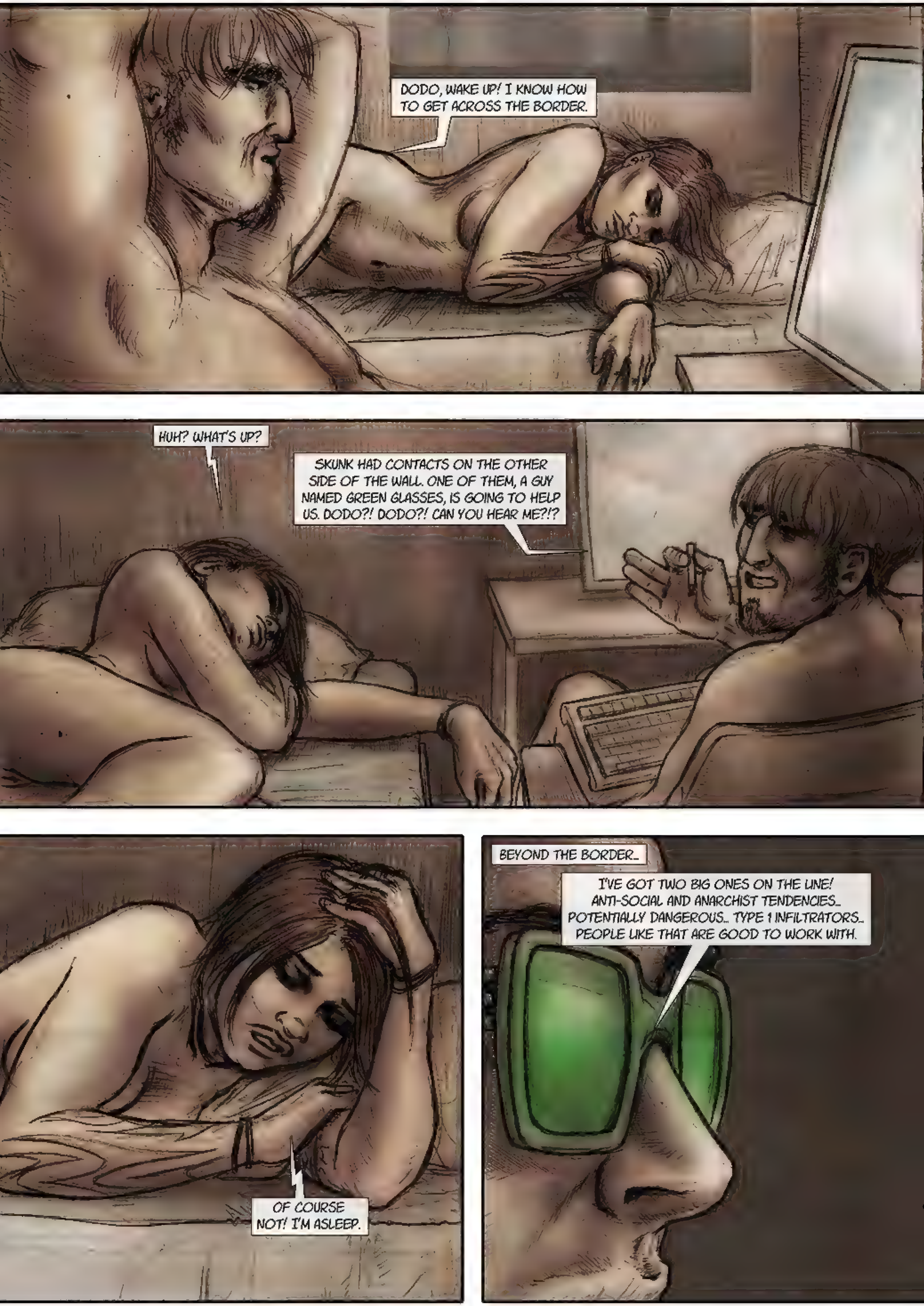

THE SAME EVENING, 30 KILOMETERS AWAY IN A REFUGEE HOME IN THE QUARANTINE ZONE…
DUDE, OPEN UP!!! WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU?
FUCK OFF, NUKE! NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS. WE JUST HAVE A LITTLE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION HERE.
I'D RATHER SEE FOR MYSELF.

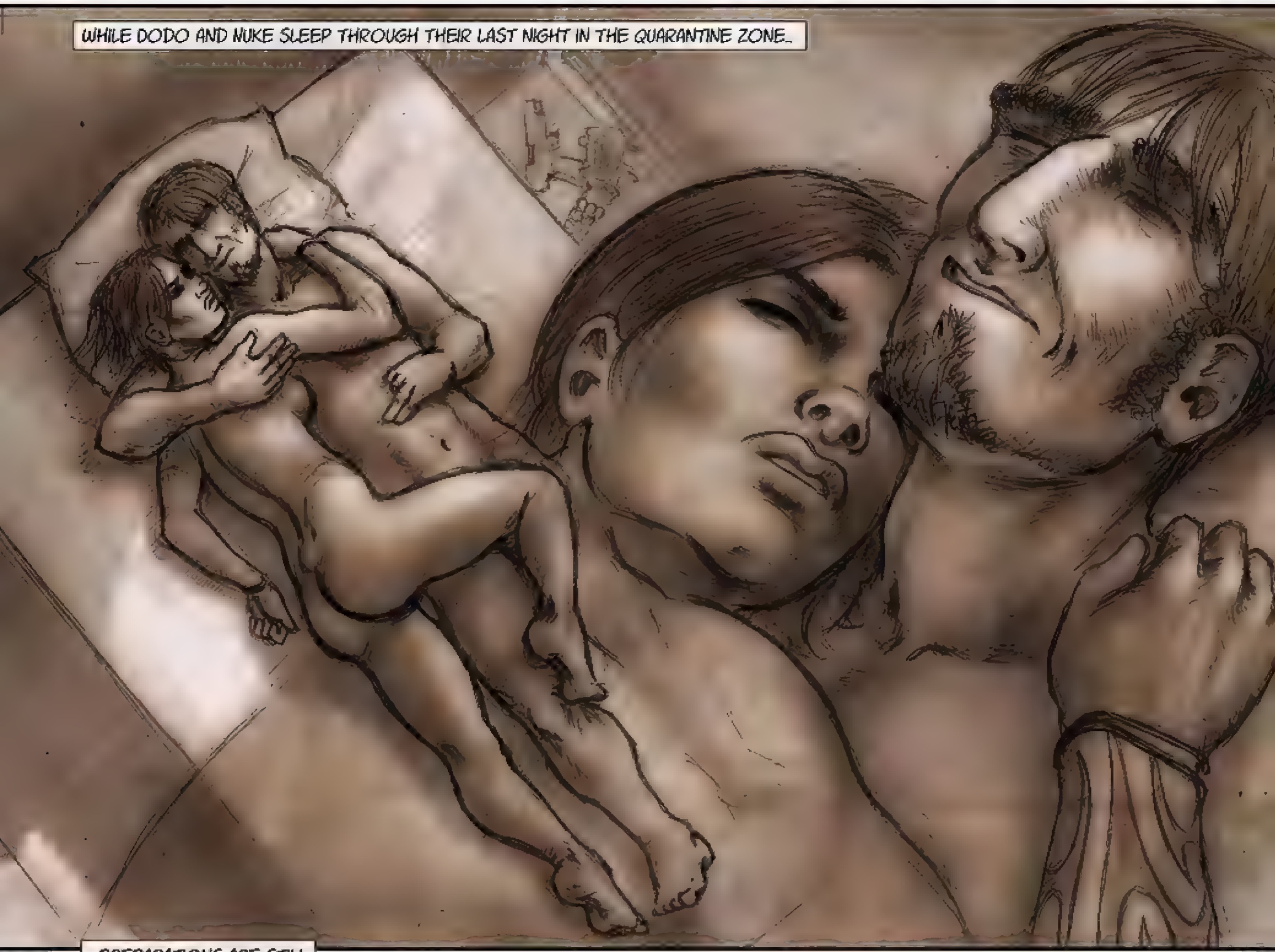

DUDE, ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!?
QUITE THE OPPOSITE. I CAN SEE EVERYTHING CLEARLY NOW. THE BITCH WAS IN CONTACT WITH EVIL FORCES. SPIED ON ME. I HAD TO ACT. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, DON'T YOU? DON'T YOU?
YOU'RE ONE OF THEM TOO!

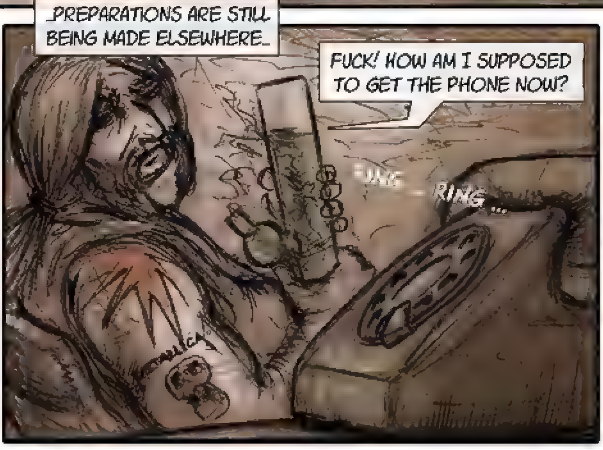

WHAT WAS GOING ON NEXT DOOR?
SKUNK HAS GONE CRAZY. KILLED HIS GIRLFRIEND. THEN HE CAME AT ME TOO. I HAD NO CHOICE.
DAMN IT, DODO. I KILLED MY BEST FRIEND.
THAT'S A BAD THING. BUT BETTER HIM THAN YOU. AND IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER.
I KNOW. HE SWALLOWED TOO MANY OF THOSE PILLS. BUT THE PAIN IN HIS LEG WAS PROBABLY TOO STRONG.
OH YES. THE OLD WAR WOUND! THAT'S NO EXCUSE. I MADE IT THROUGH REHAB TOO. - NEVER MIND. NOW WHAT?
SKUNK WAS IN DEBT TO THE MAFIA. AND I VOUCHED FOR HIM. WE'RE NO LONGER SAFE HERE. AND I ONLY KNOW OF ONE PLACE WHERE THE MAFIA KILLERS CAN'T REACH US.
SHIT! A BORDER INFILTRATION WITHOUT ANY PREPARATION. THAT CAN ONLY GO WRONG!

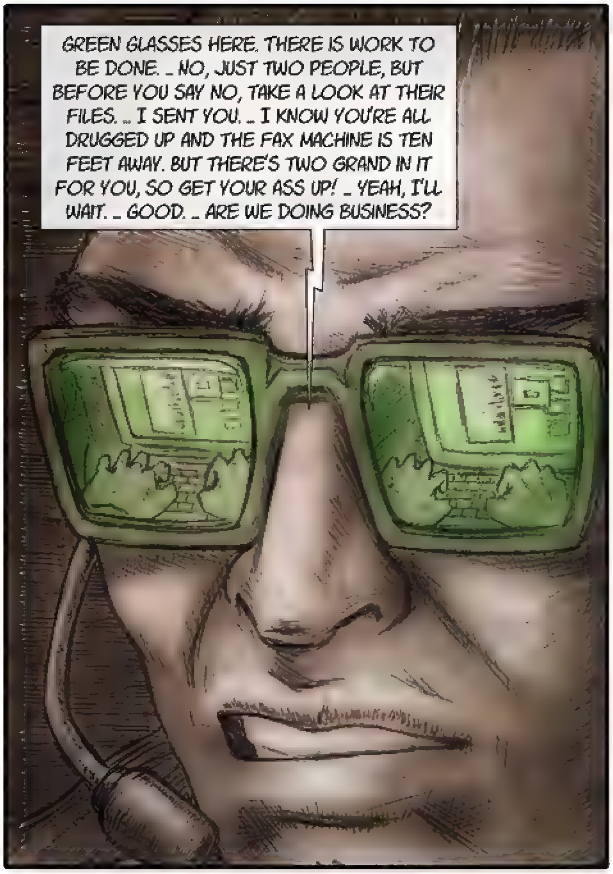

THERE'S TIME UNTIL TOMORROW. LET'S PICK UP WHERE WE JUST LEFT OFF. BABY, DO YOU STILL HAVE A ROUND IN THE BARREL?
LOADED AND UNLOCKED.
COME ON. YOU KNOW YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR FINGER ON THE TRIGGER.
THERE YOU GO. YOU CAN DO IT.

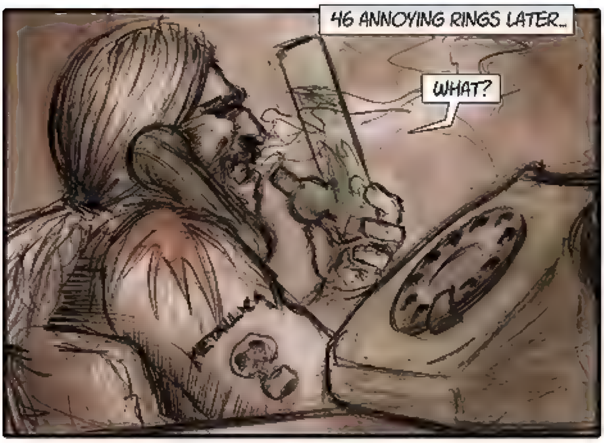

LATER...
LET'S GO THEN!
KREIST
EVEN LATER, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER...
ANYONE WHO GETS ME OUT OF THE LOO SHOULD HAVE GOOD REASONS FOR DOING SO.

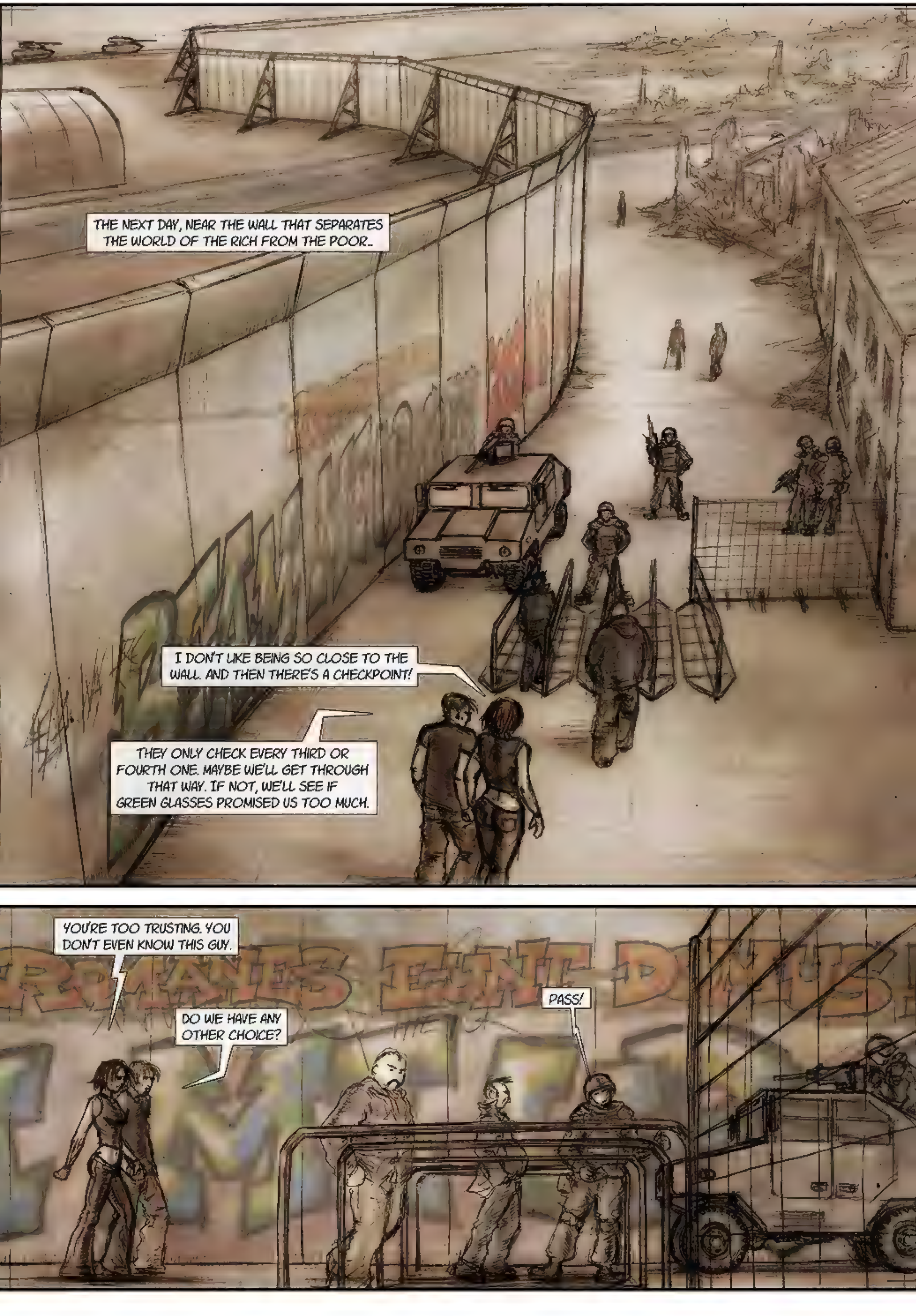

DODO, WAKE UP! I KNOW HOW TO GET ACROSS THE BORDER.
HUH? WHAT'S UP?
SKUNK HAD CONTACTS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL. ONE OF THEM, A GUY NAMED GREEN GLASSES, IS GOING TO HELP US. DODO?! DODO?! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!?
OF COURSE NOT! I'M ASLEEP.
BEYOND THE BORDER...
I'VE GOT TWO BIG ONES ON THE LINE! ANTI-SOCIAL AND ANARCHIST TENDENCIES... POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS... TYPE 1 INFILTRATORS... PEOPLE LIKE THAT ARE GOOD TO WORK WITH.

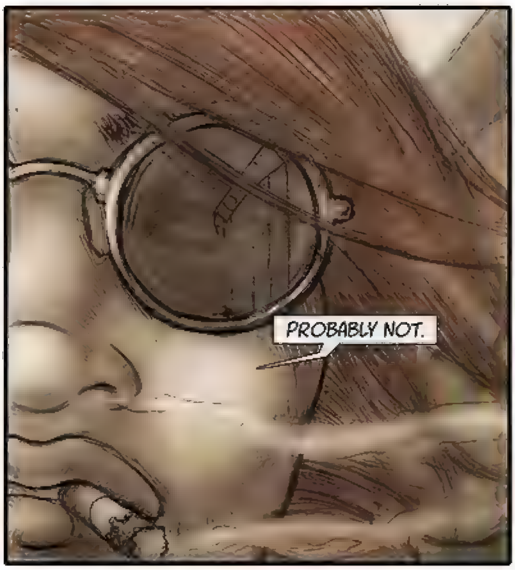

...WHILE DODO AND NUKE SLEEP THROUGH THEIR LAST NIGHT IN THE QUARANTINE ZONE...

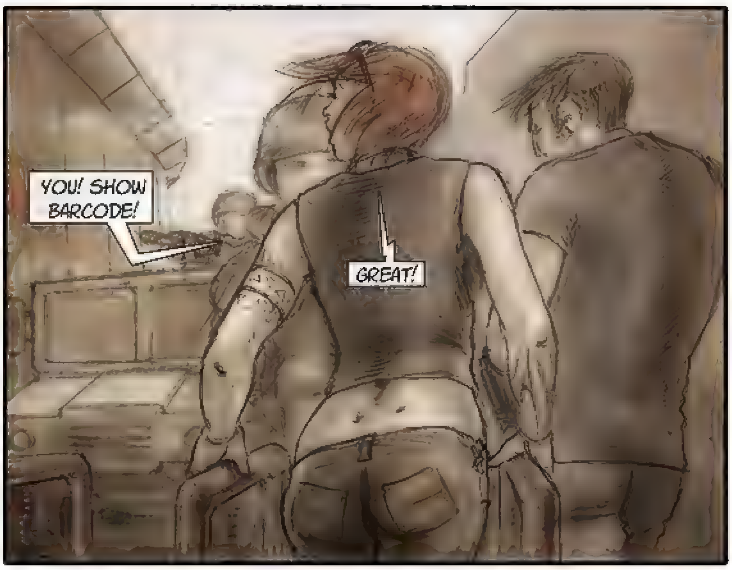

...PREPARATIONS ARE STILL BEING MADE ELSEWHERE...
FUCK! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET THE PHONE NOW?
RING ... RING ...
METALLICA

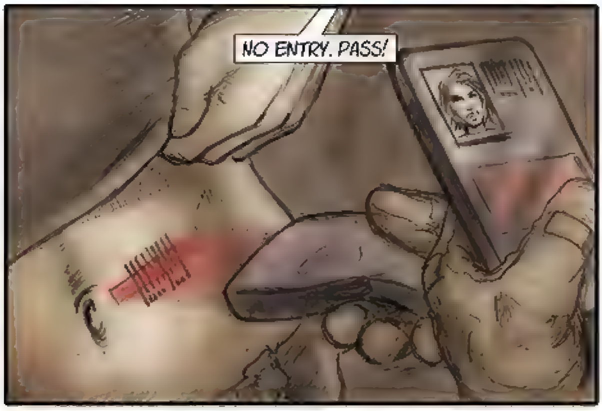

GREEN GLASSES HERE. THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE. ... NO, JUST TWO PEOPLE, BUT BEFORE YOU SAY NO, TAKE A LOOK AT THEIR FILES... I SENT YOU. ... I KNOW YOU'RE ALL DRUGGED UP AND THE FAX MACHINE IS TEN FEET AWAY. BUT THERE'S TWO GRAND IN IT FOR YOU, SO GET YOUR ASS UP! ... YEAH, I'LL WAIT. ... GOOD. ... ARE WE DOING BUSINESS?

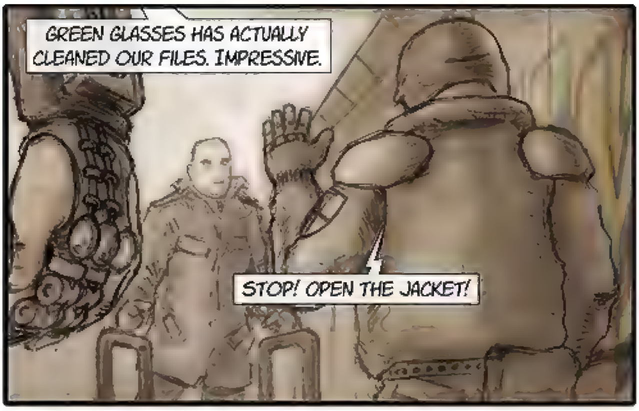

46 ANNOYING RINGS LATER...
WHAT?
METALLICA

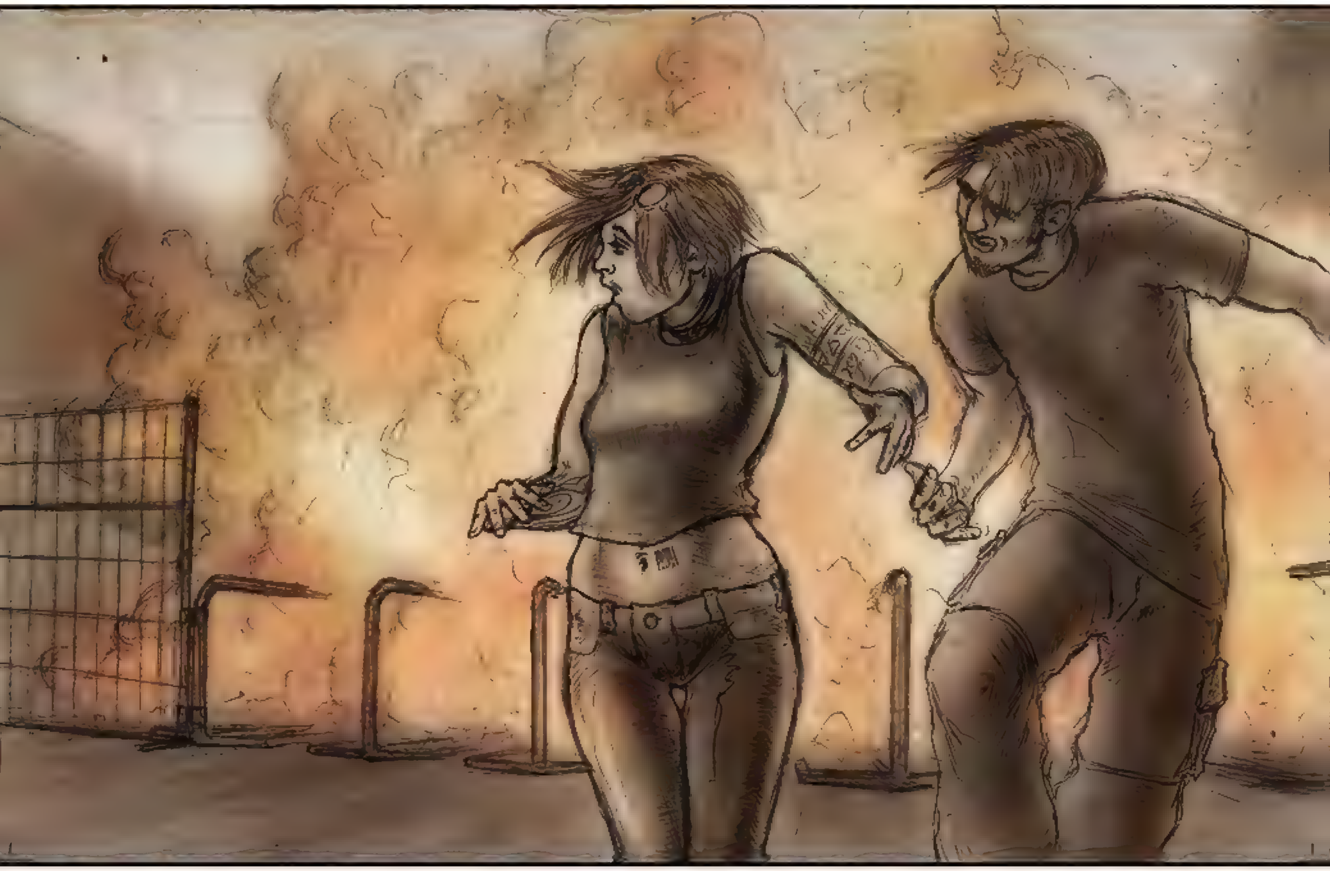

THE NEXT DAY, NEAR THE WALL THAT SEPARATES THE WORLD OF THE RICH FROM THE POOR...
I DON'T LIKE BEING SO CLOSE TO THE WALL. AND THEN THERE'S A CHECKPOINT!
THEY ONLY CHECK EVERY THIRD OR FOURTH ONE. MAYBE WE'LL GET THROUGH THAT WAY. IF NOT, WE'LL SEE IF GREEN GLASSES PROMISED US TOO MUCH.
YOU'RE TOO TRUSTING. YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THIS GUY.
DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE?
PASS!

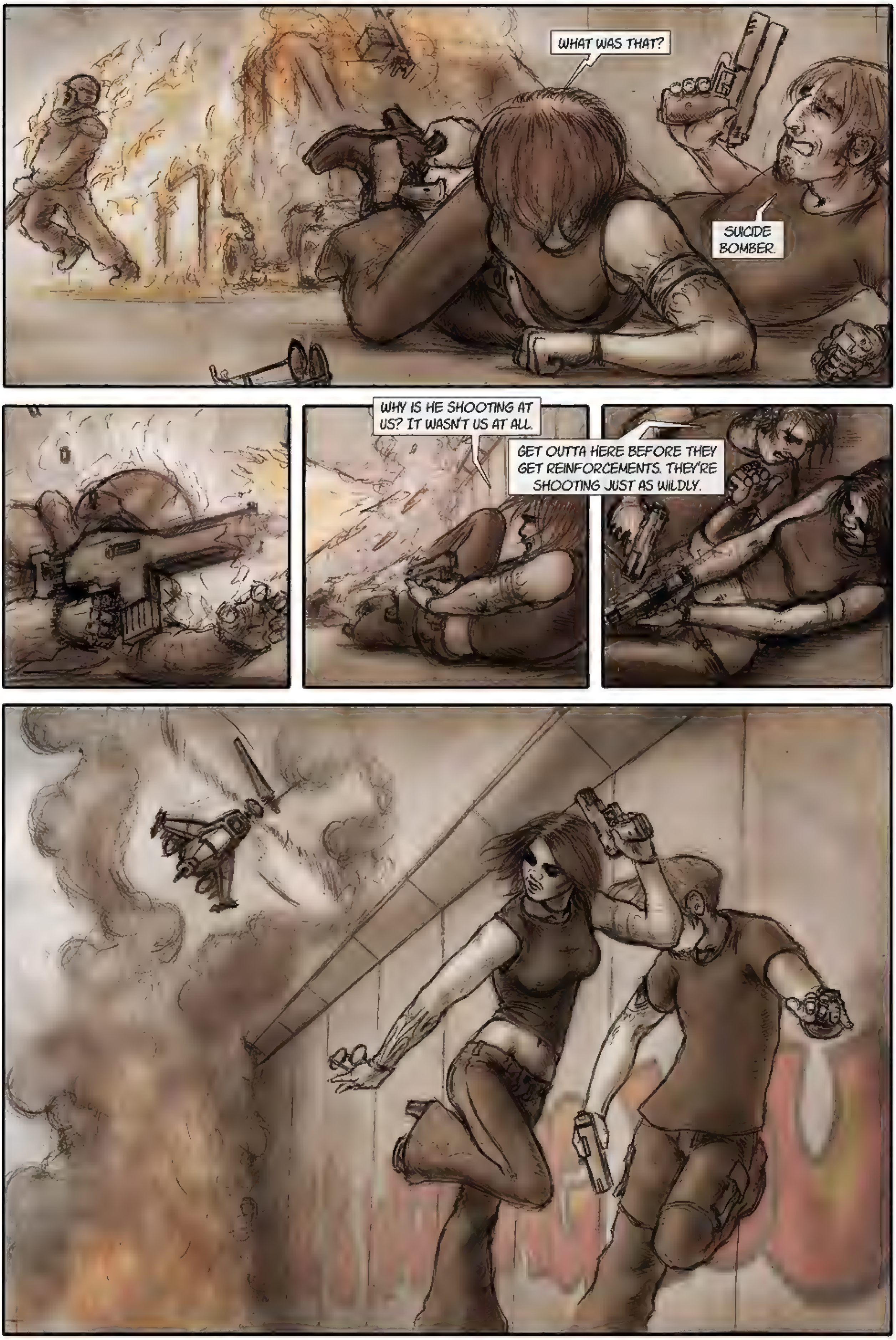

PROBABLY NOT.

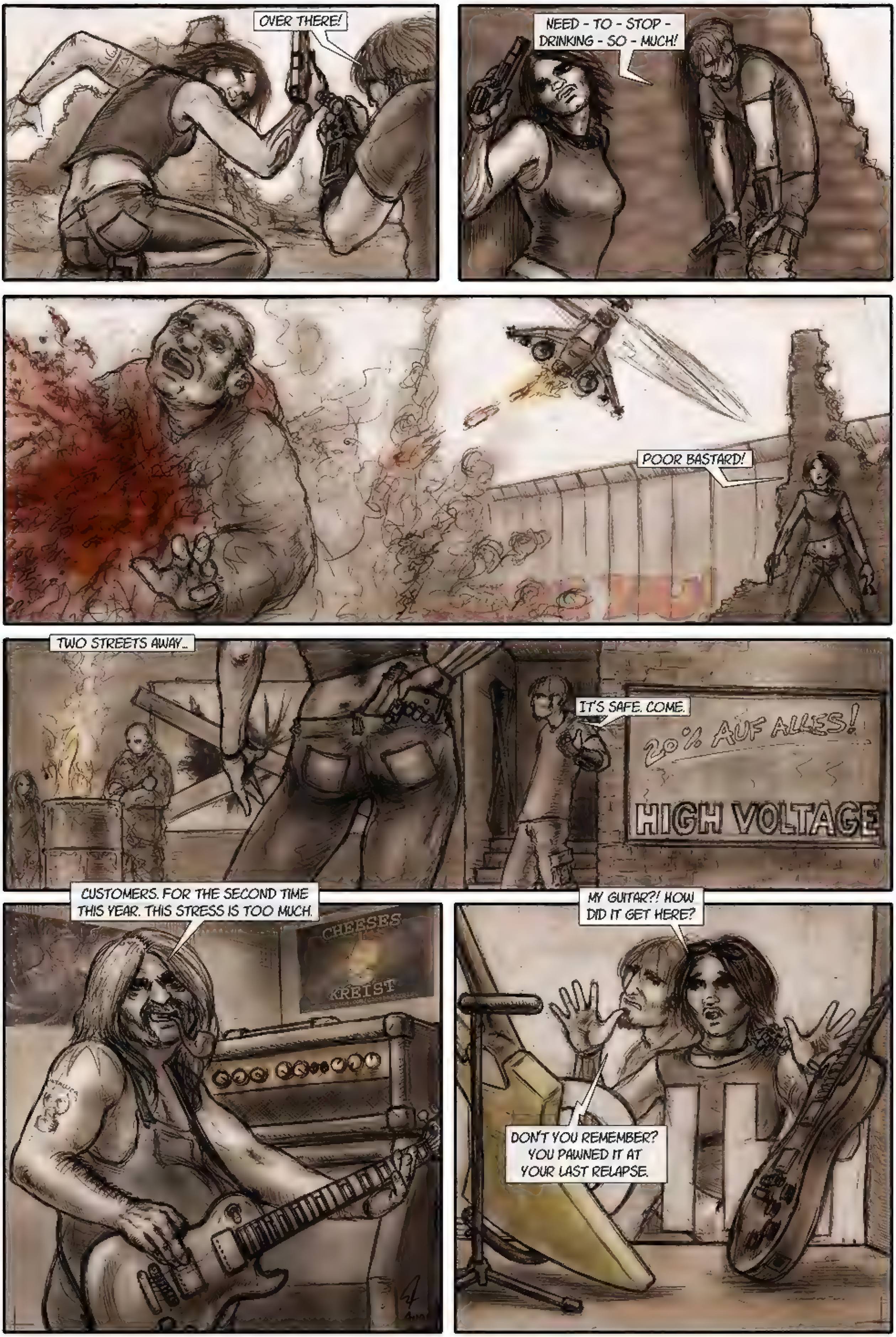

YOU! SHOW BARCODE!
GREAT!

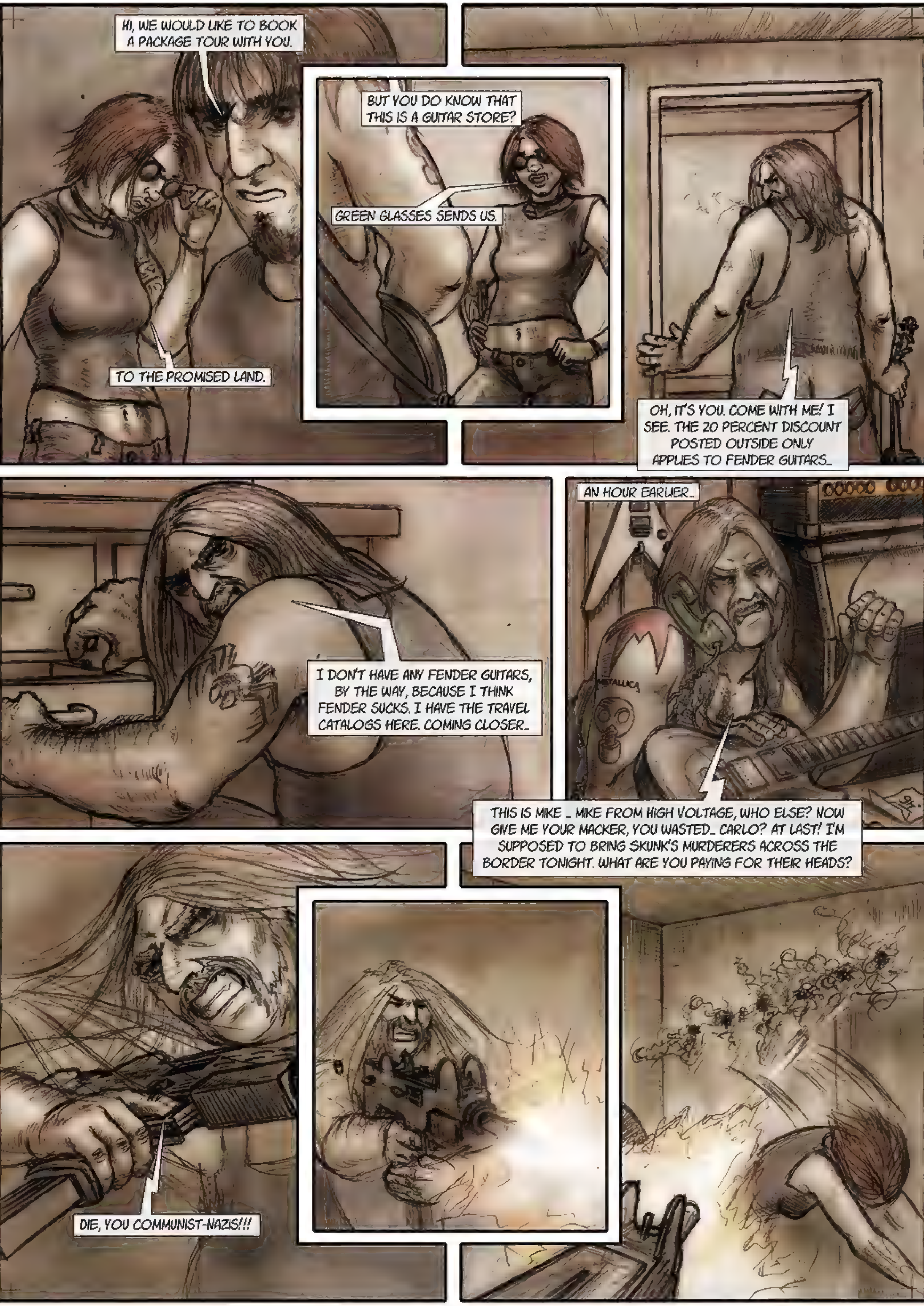

NO ENTRY. PASS!

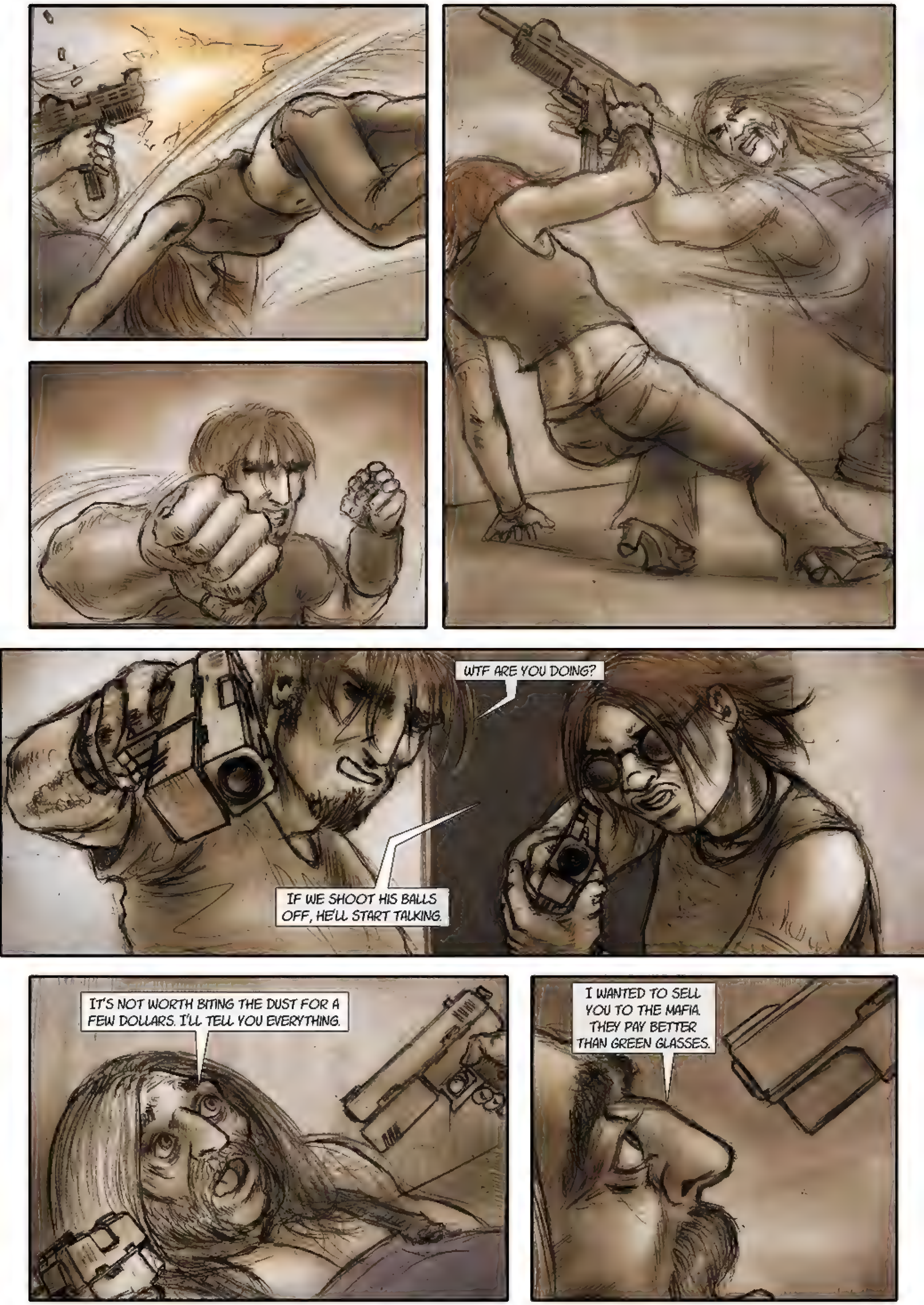

GREEN GLASSES HAS ACTUALLY CLEANED OUR FILES. IMPRESSIVE.
STOP! OPEN THE JACKET!

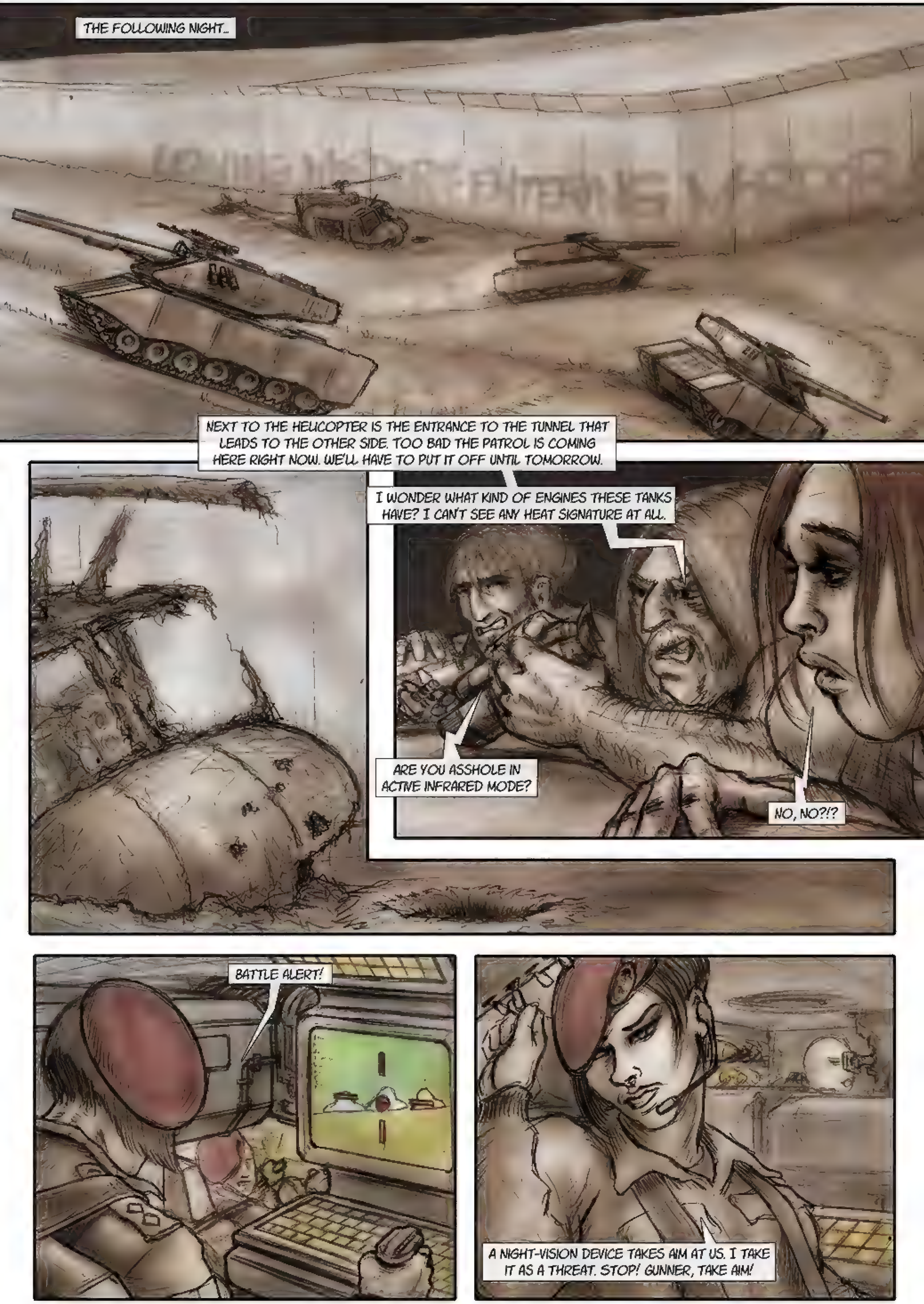


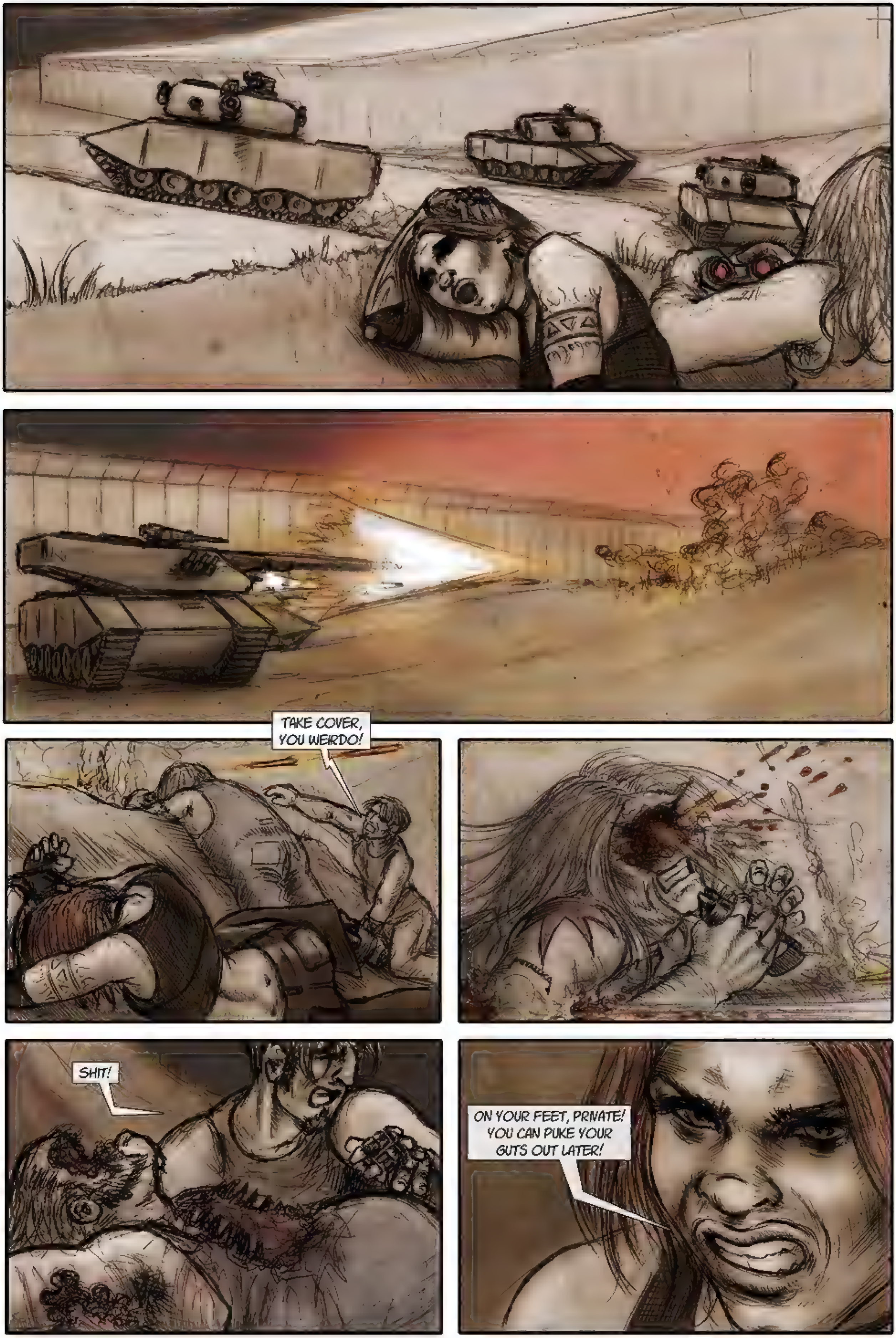

WHAT WAS THAT?
SUICIDE BOMBER.
WHY IS HE SHOOTING AT US? IT WASN'T US AT ALL.
GET OUTTA HERE BEFORE THEY GET REINFORCEMENTS. THEY'RE SHOOTING JUST AS WILDLY.

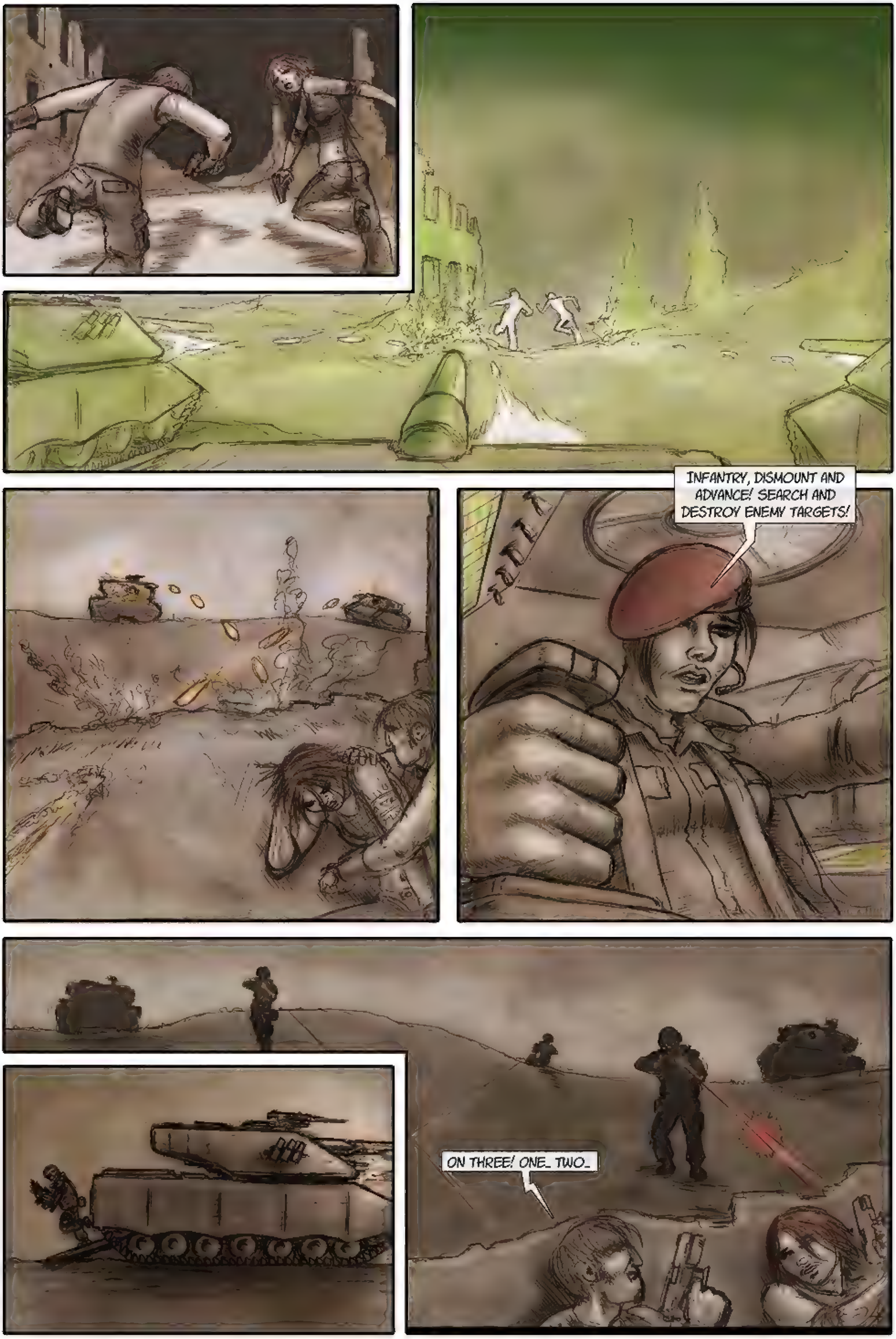

OVER THERE!
NEED - TO - STOP - DRINKING - SO - MUCH!
POOR BASTARD!
TWO STREETS AWAY...
IT'S SAFE. COME.
20% AUF ALLES!
HIGH VOLTAGE
CUSTOMERS. FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR. THIS STRESS IS TOO MUCH.
CHEESES
KREIST
MY GUITAR?! HOW DID IT GET HERE?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? YOU PAWNED IT AT YOUR LAST RELAPSE.

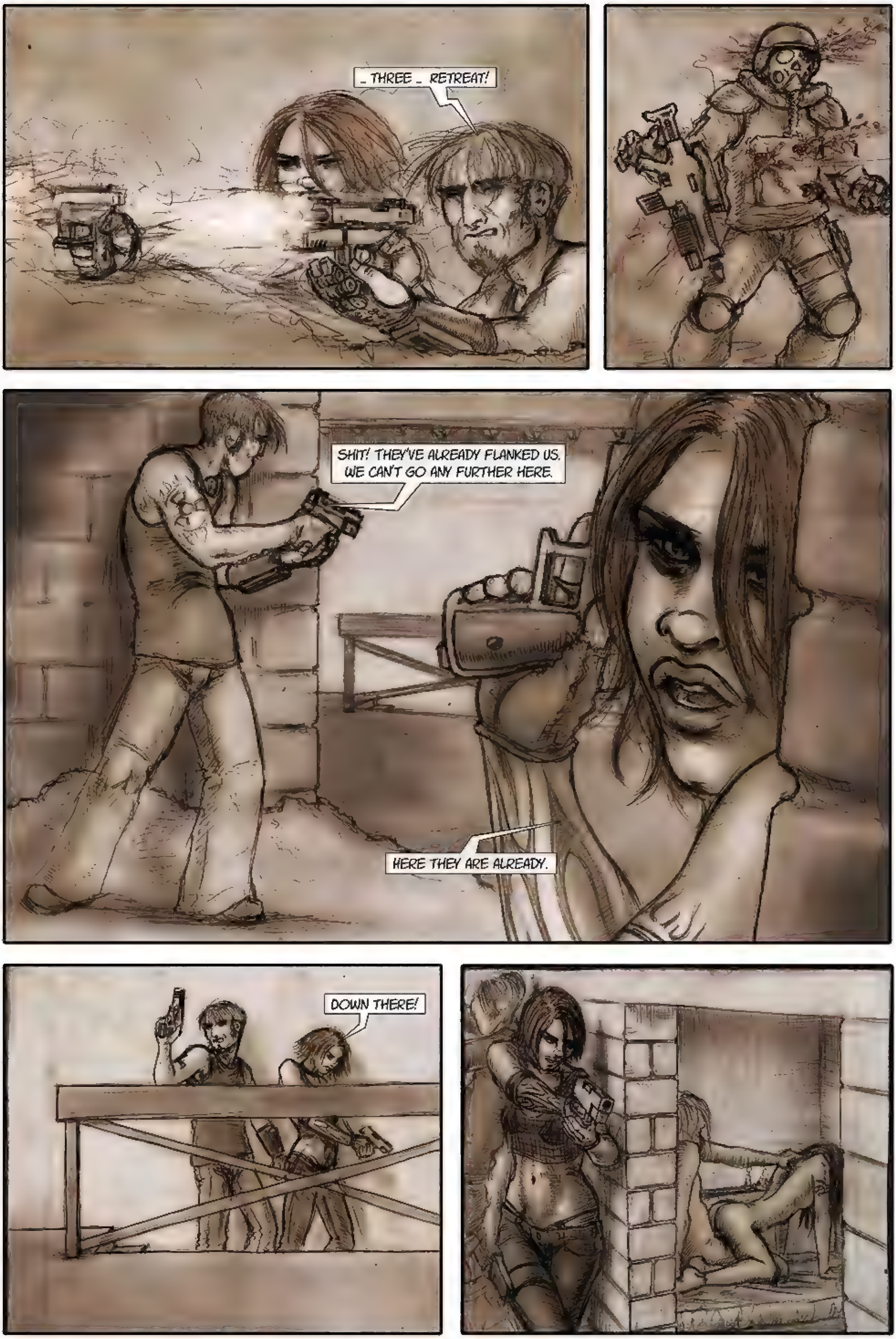

HI, WE WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A PACKAGE TOUR WITH YOU.
TO THE PROMISED LAND.
BUT YOU DO KNOW THAT THIS IS A GUITAR STORE?
GREEN GLASSES SENDS US.
OH, IT'S YOU. COME WITH ME! I SEE. THE 20 PERCENT DISCOUNT POSTED OUTSIDE ONLY APPLIES TO FENDER GUITARS...
I DON'T HAVE ANY FENDER GUITARS, BY THE WAY, BECAUSE I THINK FENDER SUCKS. I HAVE THE TRAVEL CATALOGS HERE. COMING CLOSER...
AN HOUR EARLIER...
METALLICA
THIS IS MIKE ... MIKE FROM HIGH VOLTAGE, WHO ELSE? NOW GIVE ME YOUR MACKER, YOU WASTED... CARLO? AT LAST! I'M SUPPOSED TO BRING SKUNK'S MURDERERS ACROSS THE BORDER TONIGHT. WHAT ARE YOU PAYING FOR THEIR HEADS?
DIE, YOU COMMUNIST-NAZIS!!!

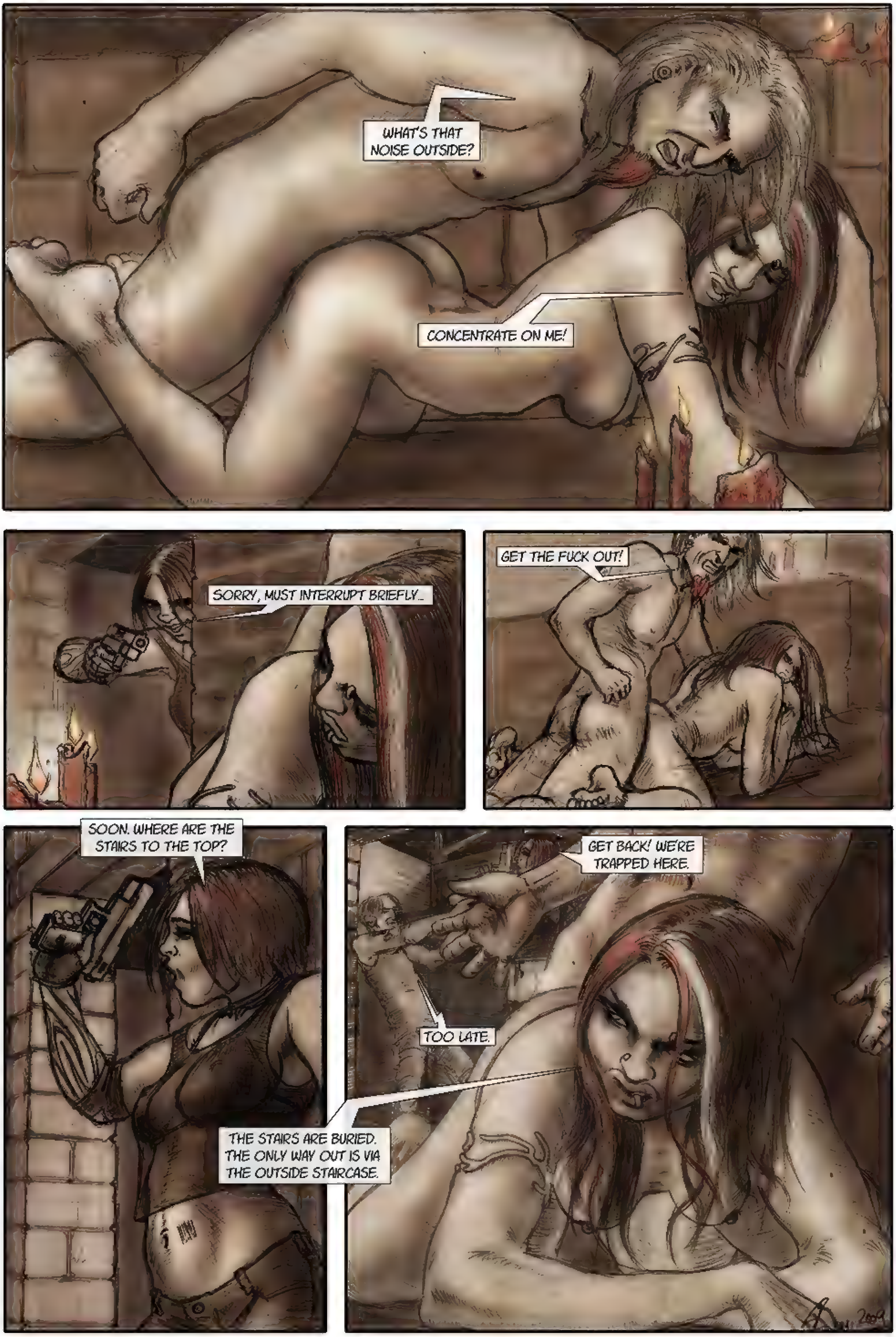

WTF ARE YOU DOING?
IF WE SHOOT HIS BALLS OFF, HE'LL START TALKING.
IT'S NOT WORTH BITING THE DUST FOR A FEW DOLLARS. I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING.
I WANTED TO SELL YOU TO THE MAFIA. THEY PAY BETTER THAN GREEN GLASSES.


THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...
NEXT TO THE HELICOPTER IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE TUNNEL THAT LEADS TO THE OTHER SIDE. TOO BAD THE PATROL IS COMING HERE RIGHT NOW. WE'LL HAVE TO PUT IT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW.
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF ENGINES THESE TANKS HAVE? I CAN'T SEE ANY HEAT SIGNATURE AT ALL.
ARE YOU ASSHOLE IN ACTIVE INFRARED MODE?
NO, NO?!?
BATTLE ALERT!
A NIGHT-VISION DEVICE TAKES AIM AT US. I TAKE IT AS A THREAT. STOP! GUNNER, TAKE AIM!


TAKE COVER, YOU WEIRDO!
SHIT!
ON YOUR FEET, PRIVATE! YOU CAN PUKE YOUR GUTS OUT LATER!


INFANTRY, DISMOUNT AND ADVANCE! SEARCH AND DESTROY ENEMY TARGETS!
ON THREE! ONE_ TWO_


_ THREE _ RETREAT!
SHIT! THEY'VE ALREADY FLANKED US. WE CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER HERE.
HERE THEY ARE ALREADY.
DOWN THERE!


WHAT'S THAT NOISE OUTSIDE?
CONCENTRATE ON ME!
SORRY, MUST INTERRUPT BRIEFLY...
GET THE FUCK OUT!
SOON. WHERE ARE THE STAIRS TO THE TOP?
GET BACK! WE'RE TRAPPED HERE.
TOO LATE.
THE STAIRS ARE BURIED. THE ONLY WAY OUT IS VIA THE OUTSIDE STAIRCASE.
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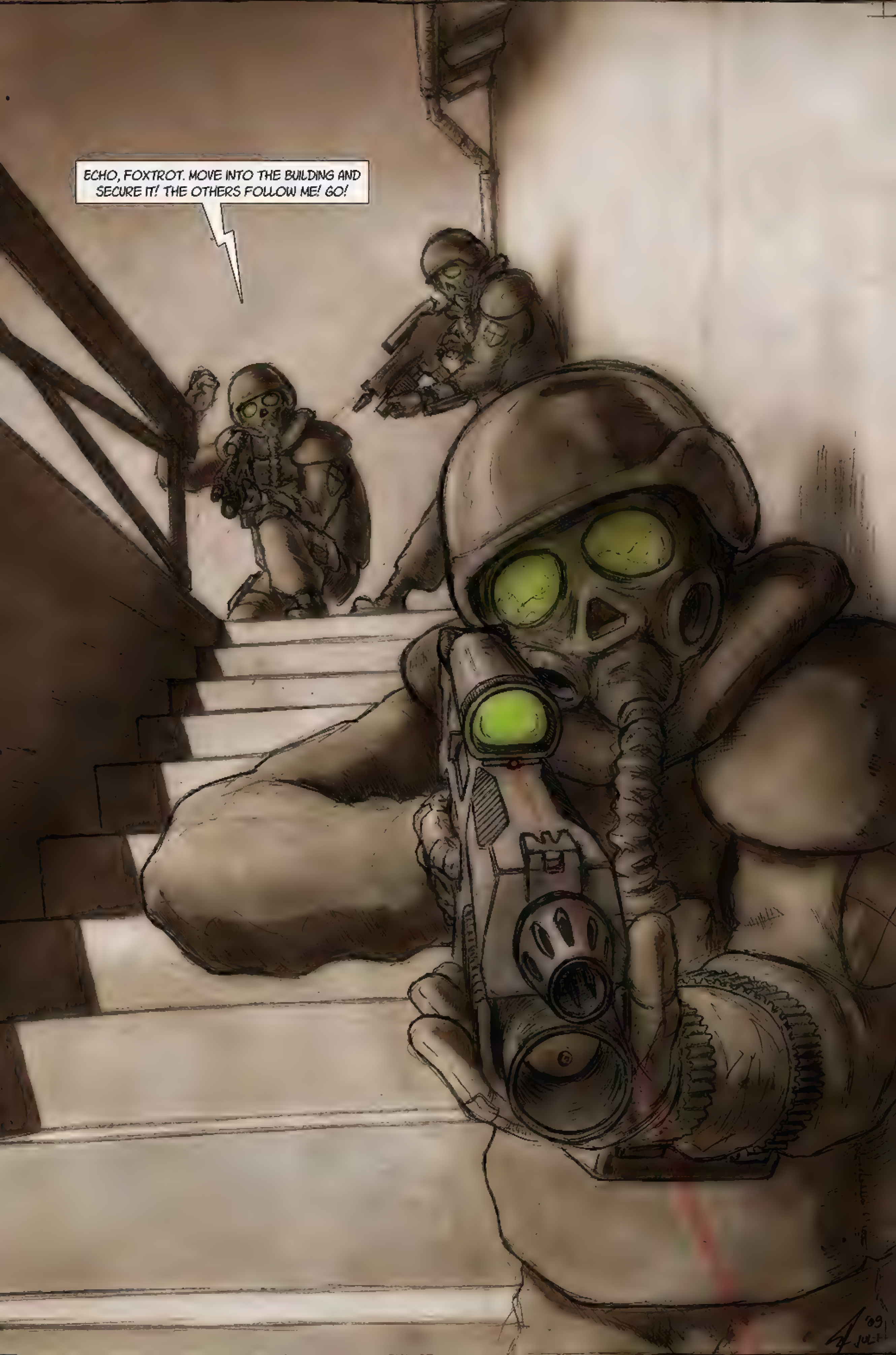
ECHO, FOXTROT. MOVE INTO THE BUILDING AND SECURE IT! THE OTHERS FOLLOW ME! GO!

CHAPTER 2 INFILTRATION

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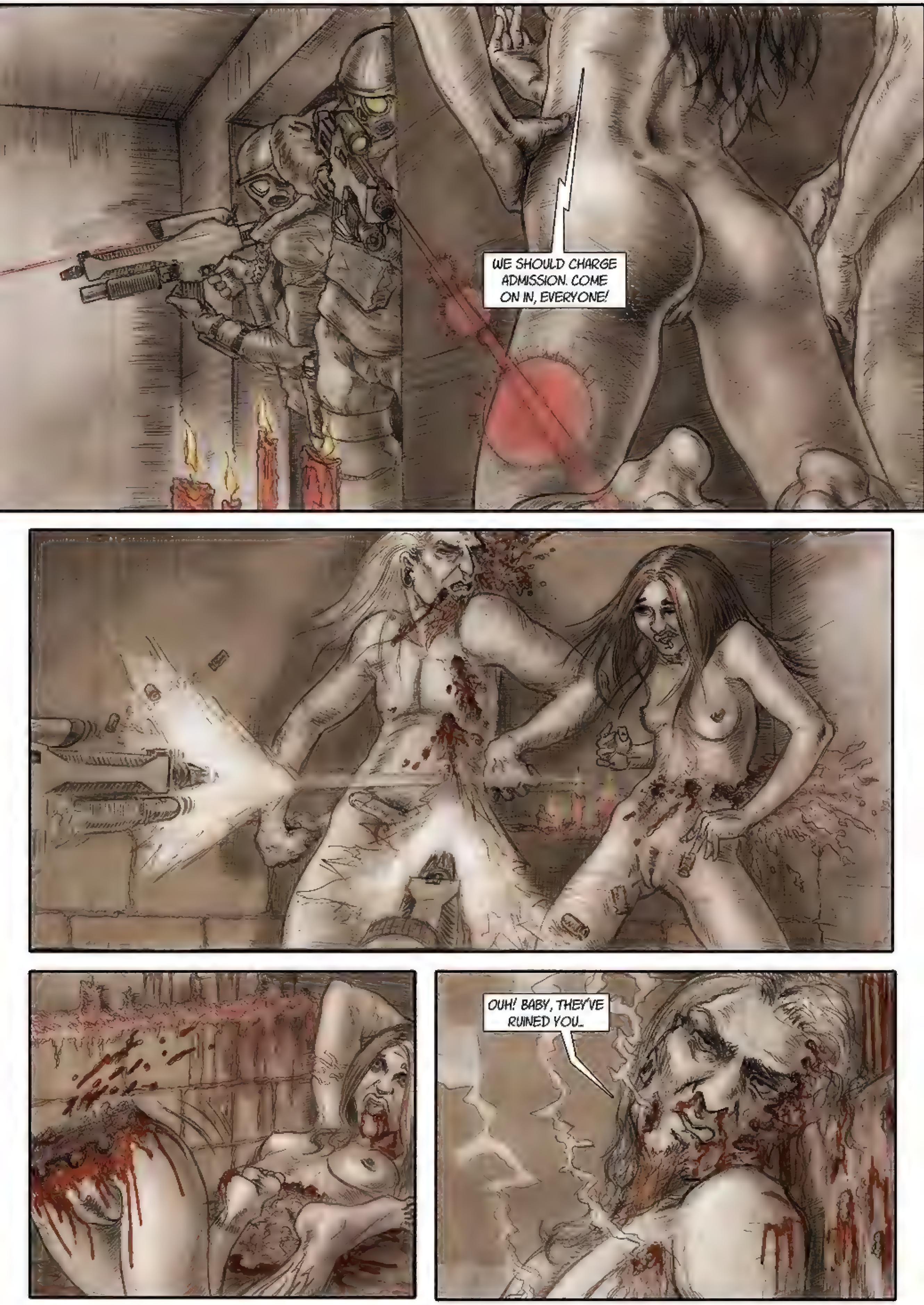
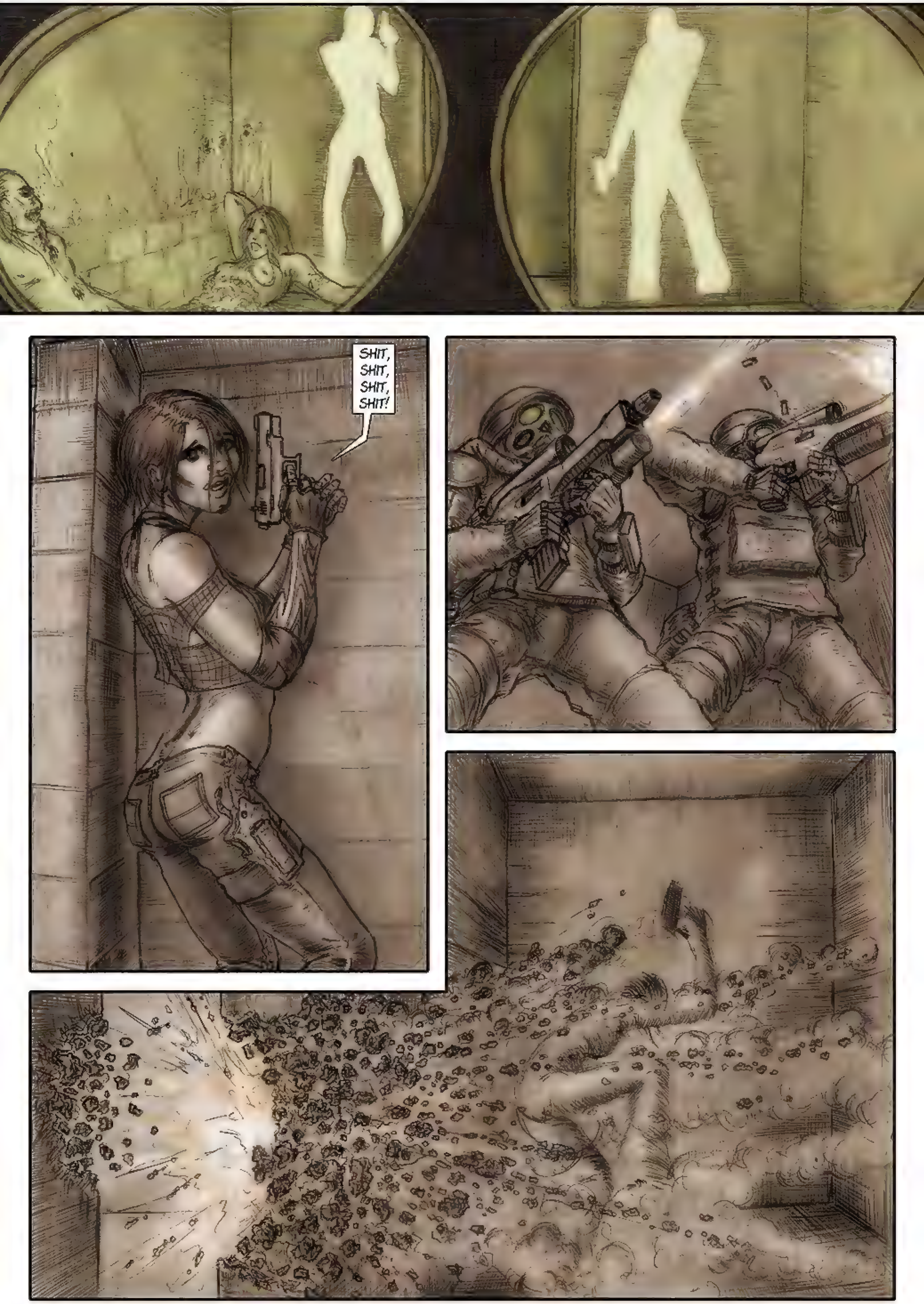
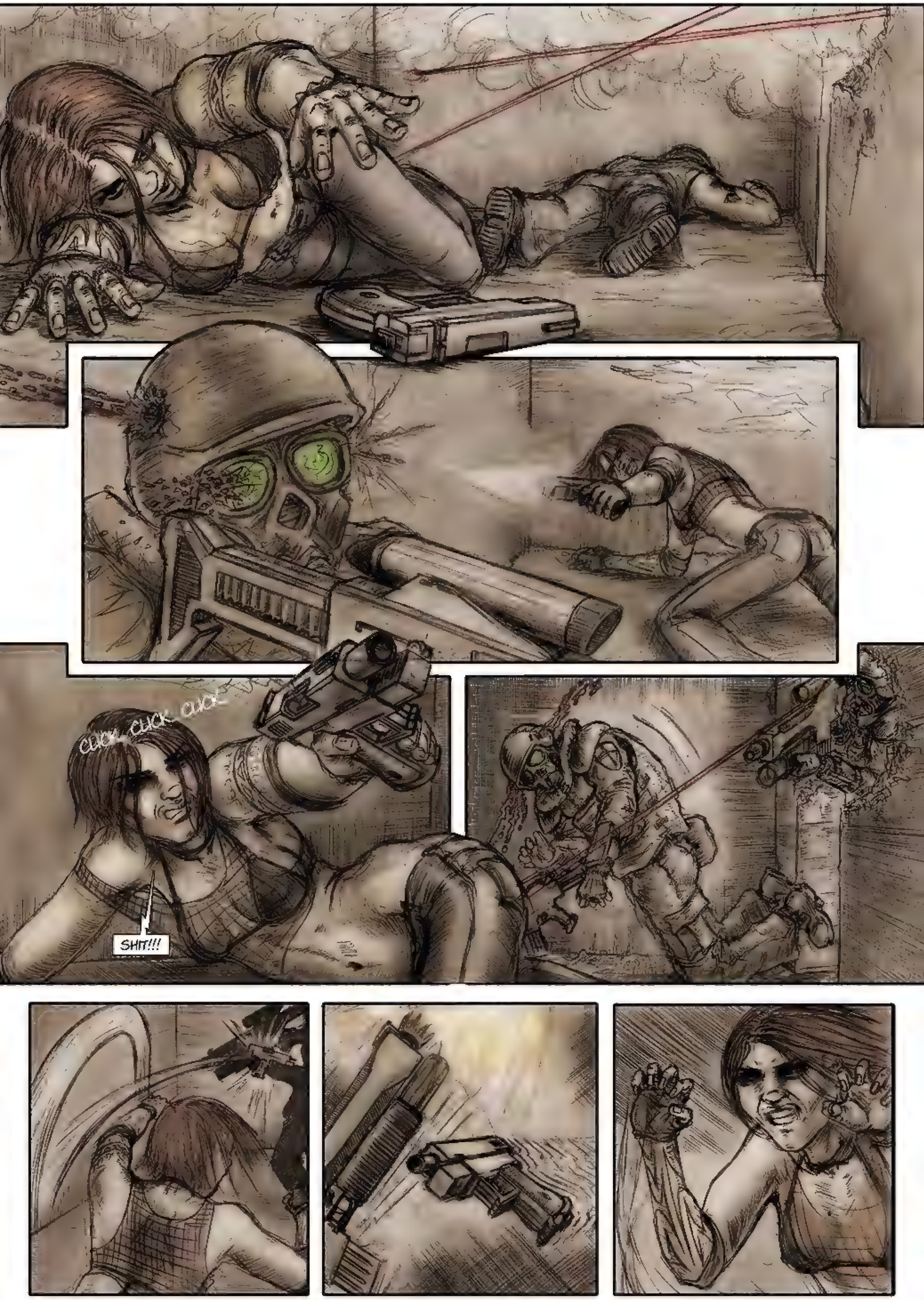
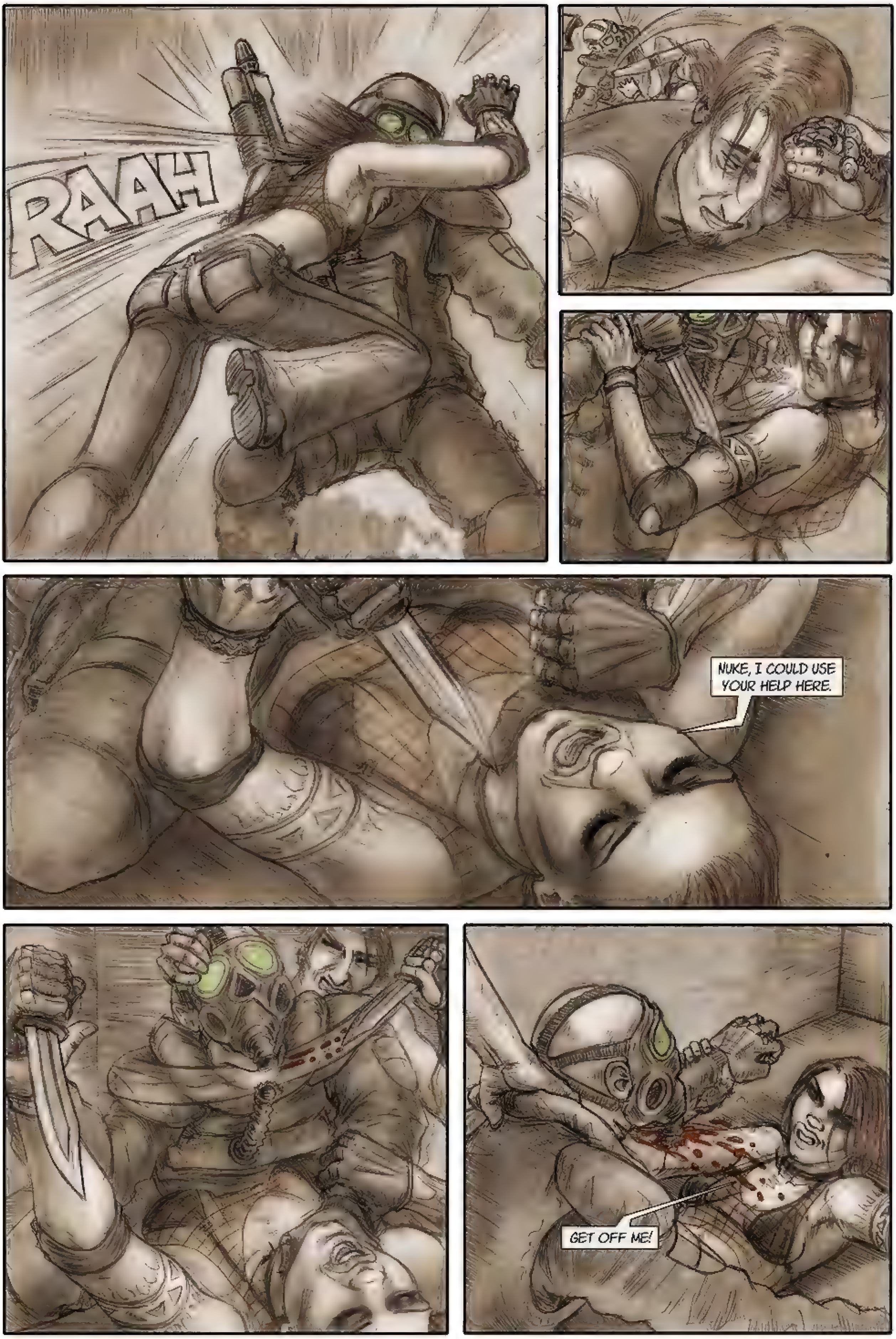
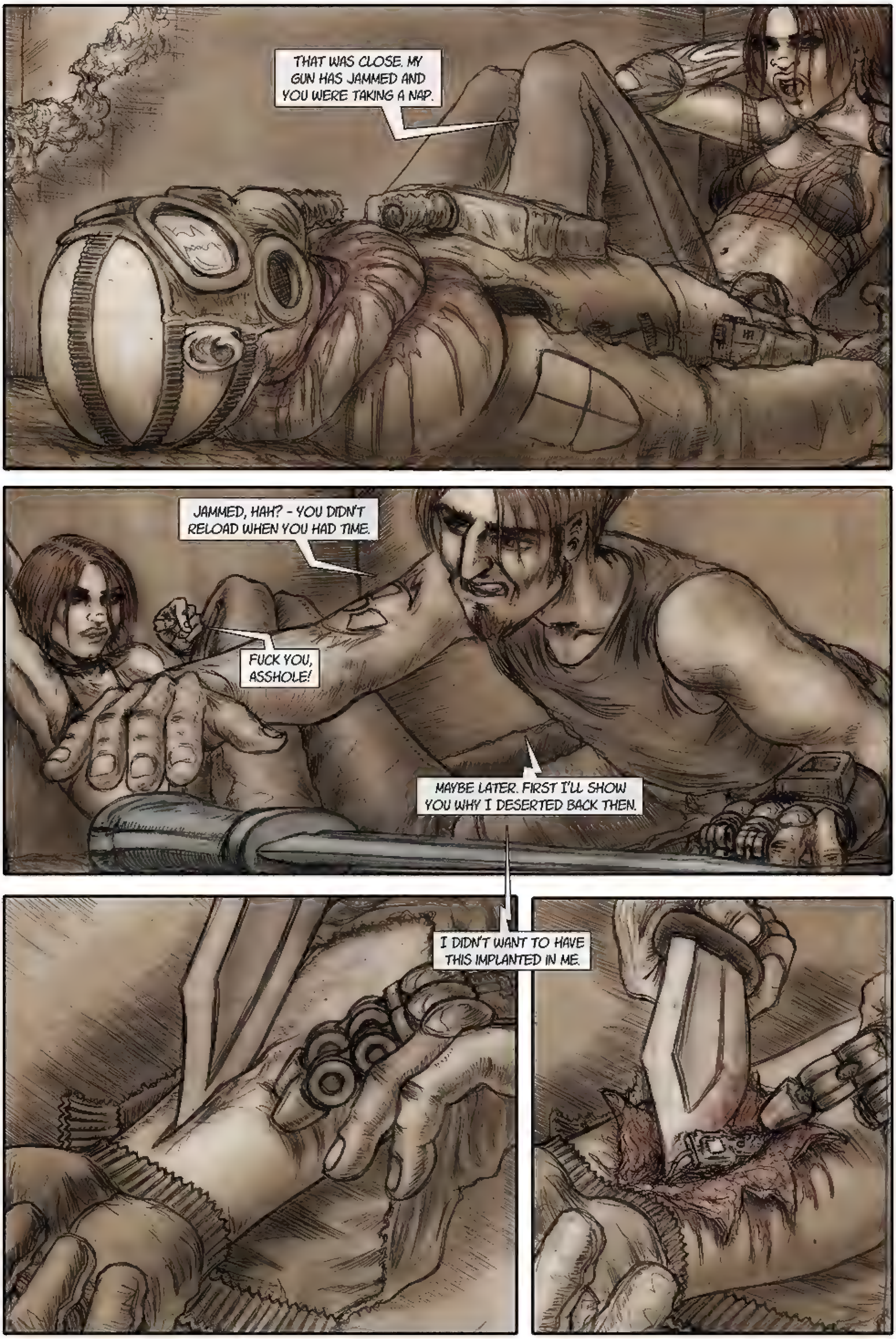
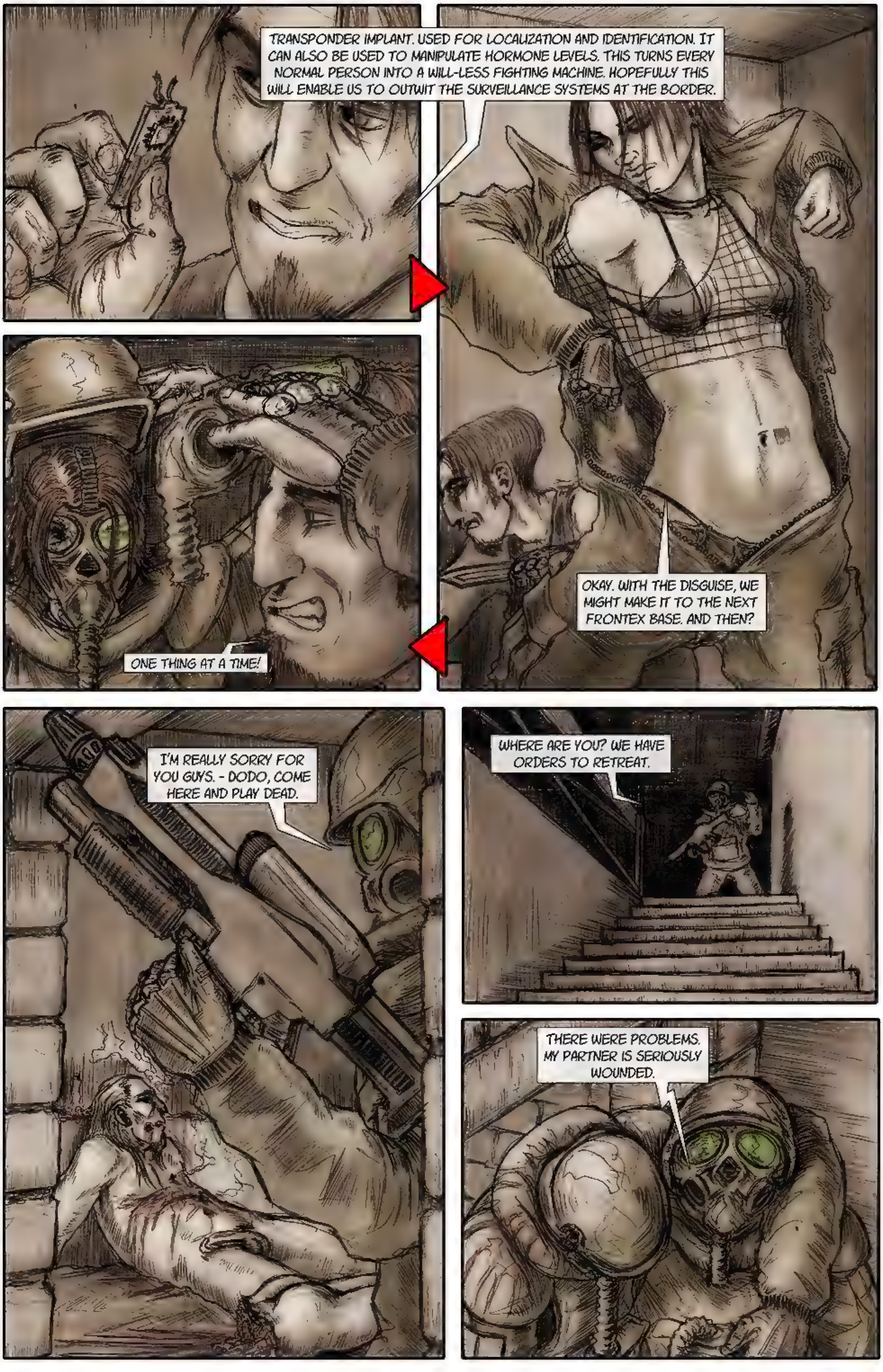

WE SHOULD CHARGE ADMISSION. COME ON IN, EVERYONE!
OUH! BABY, THEY'VE RUINED YOU...

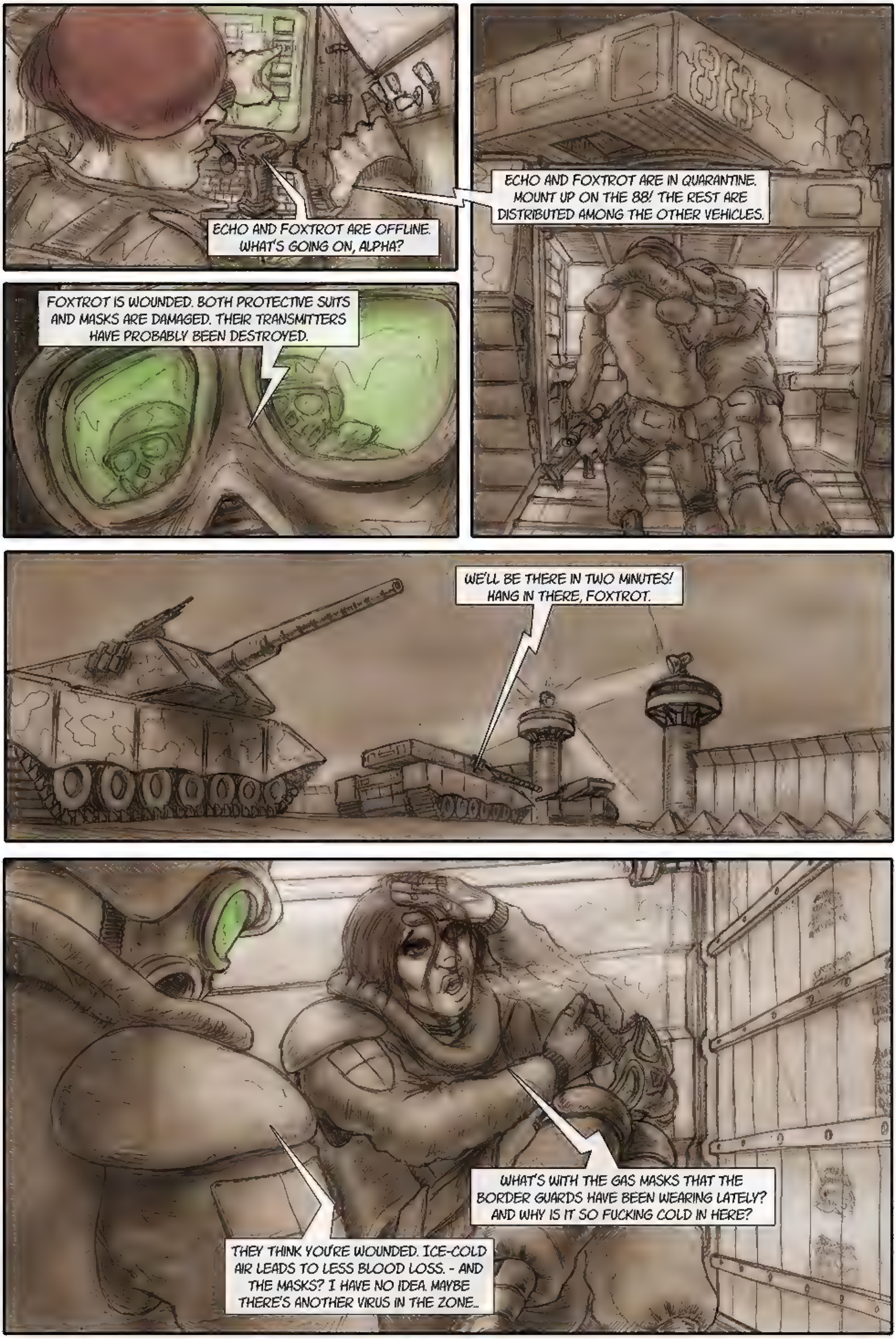

SHIT, SHIT, SHIT, SHIT!

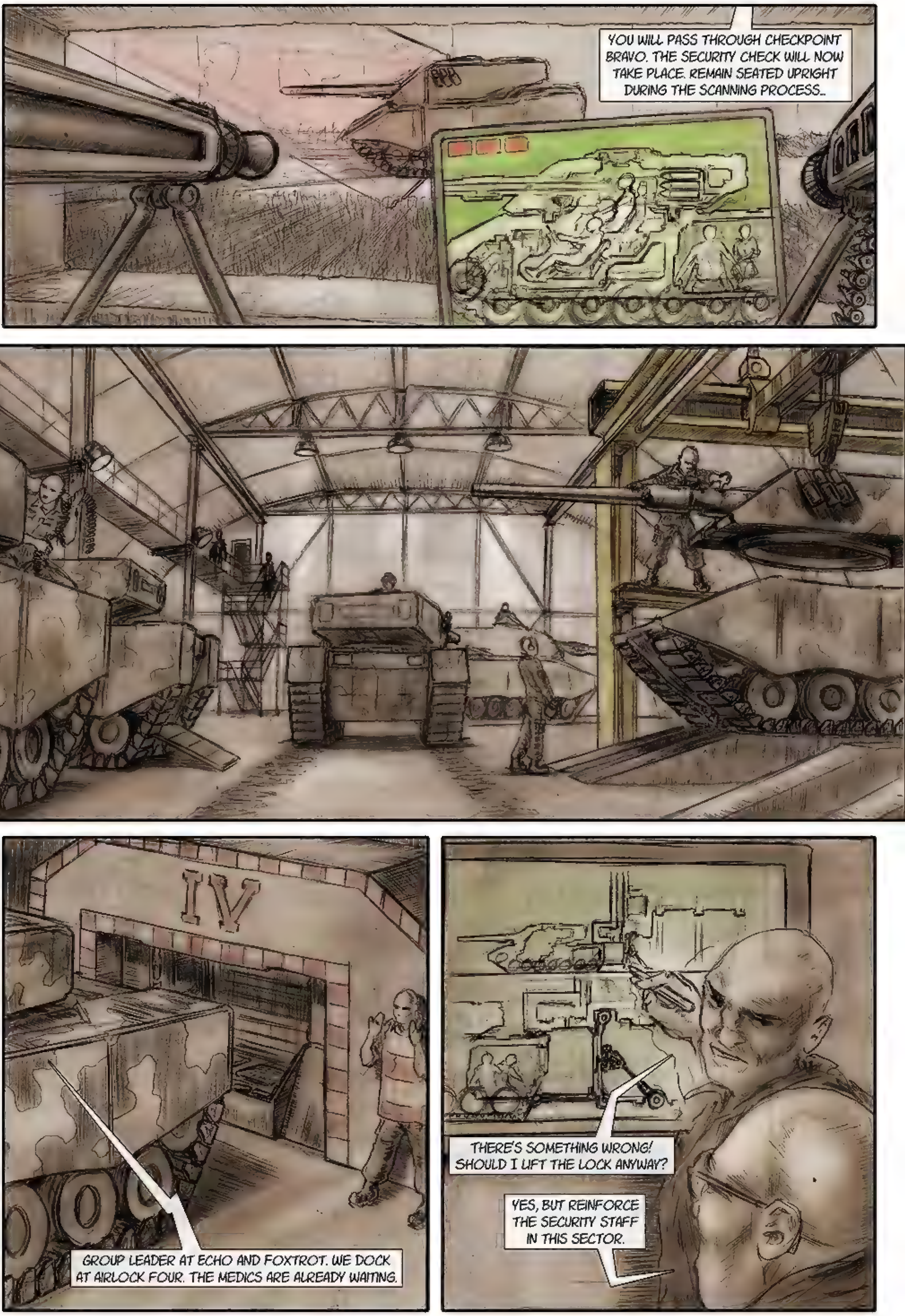

CLICK CLICK CLICK
SHIT!!!

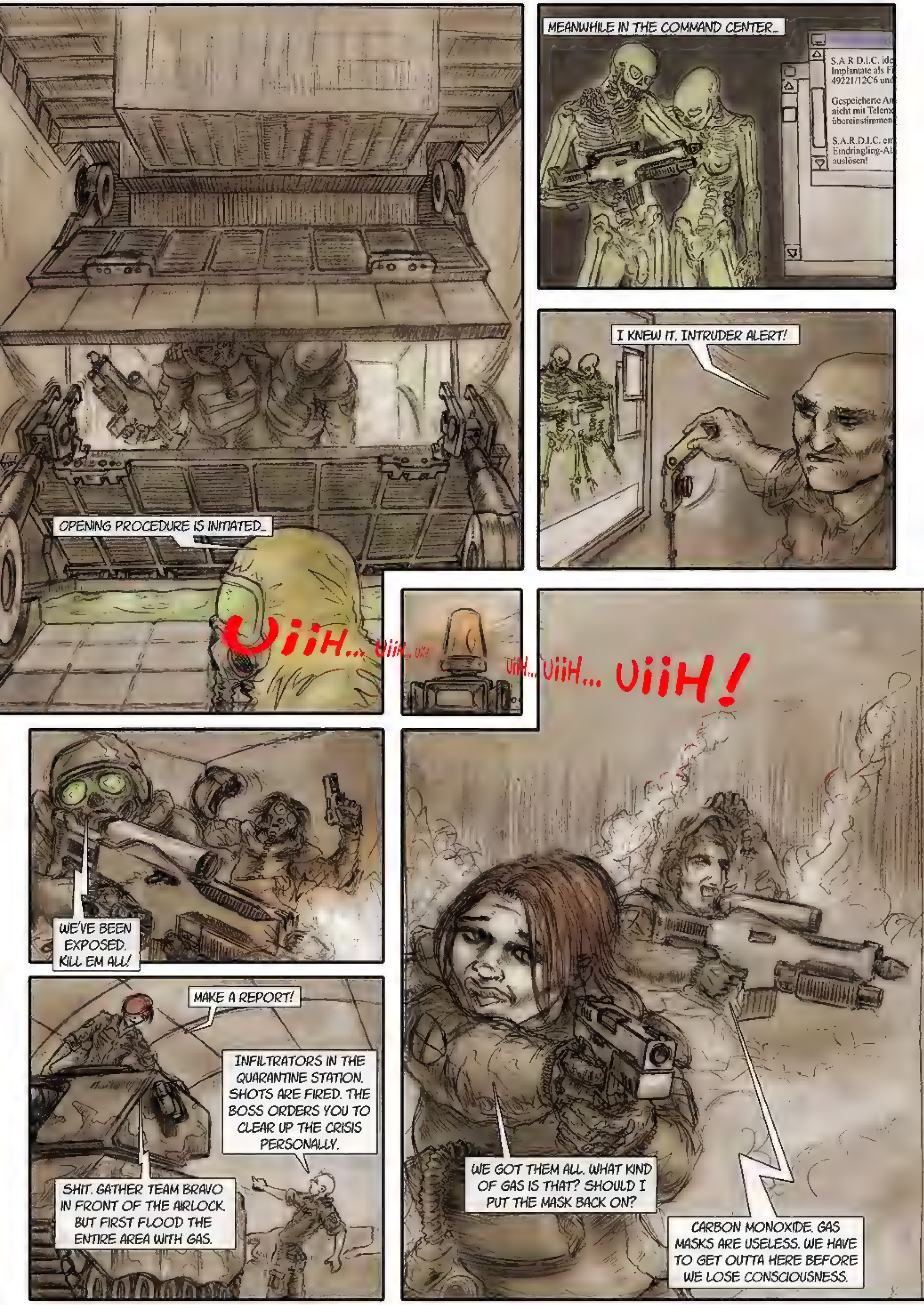

RAAH
NUKE, I COULD USE YOUR HELP HERE.
GET OFF ME!


THAT WAS CLOSE. MY GUN HAS JAMMED AND YOU WERE TAKING A NAP.
JAMMED, HAH? - YOU DIDN'T RELOAD WHEN YOU HAD TIME.
FUCK YOU, ASSHOLE!
MAYBE LATER. FIRST I'LL SHOW YOU WHY I DESERTED BACK THEN.
I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE THIS IMPLANTED IN ME.


TRANSPONDER IMPLANT. USED FOR LOCALIZATION AND IDENTIFICATION. IT CAN ALSO BE USED TO MANIPULATE HORMONE LEVELS. THIS TURNS EVERY NORMAL PERSON INTO A WILL-LESS FIGHTING MACHINE. HOPEFULLY THIS WILL ENABLE US TO OUTWIT THE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS AT THE BORDER.
OKAY. WITH THE DISGUISE, WE MIGHT MAKE IT TO THE NEXT FRONTEX BASE. AND THEN?
ONE THING AT A TIME!
I'M REALLY SORRY FOR YOU GUYS. - DODO, COME HERE AND PLAY DEAD.
WHERE ARE YOU? WE HAVE ORDERS TO RETREAT.
THERE WERE PROBLEMS. MY PARTNER IS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.


ECHO AND FOXTROT ARE OFFLINE. WHAT'S GOING ON, ALPHA?
ECHO AND FOXTROT ARE IN QUARANTINE. MOUNT UP ON THE 88! THE REST ARE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE OTHER VEHICLES.
FOXTROT IS WOUNDED. BOTH PROTECTIVE SUITS AND MASKS ARE DAMAGED. THEIR TRANSMITTERS HAVE PROBABLY BEEN DESTROYED.
WE'LL BE THERE IN TWO MINUTES! HANG IN THERE, FOXTROT.
WHAT'S WITH THE GAS MASKS THAT THE BORDER GUARDS HAVE BEEN WEARING LATELY? AND WHY IS IT SO FUCKING COLD IN HERE?
THEY THINK YOU'RE WOUNDED. ICE-COLD AIR LEADS TO LESS BLOOD LOSS. - AND THE MASKS? I HAVE NO IDEA. MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER VIRUS IN THE ZONE...


YOU WILL PASS THROUGH CHECKPOINT BRAVO. THE SECURITY CHECK WILL NOW TAKE PLACE. REMAIN SEATED UPRIGHT DURING THE SCANNING PROCESS..
IV
GROUP LEADER AT ECHO AND FOXTROT. WE DOCK AT AIRLOCK FOUR. THE MEDICS ARE ALREADY WAITING.
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG! SHOULD I LIFT THE LOCK ANYWAY?
YES, BUT REINFORCE THE SECURITY STAFF IN THIS SECTOR.


OPENING PROCEDURE IS INITIATED_
MEANWHILE IN THE COMMAND CENTER...
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Implantate als F
49221/12C6 und
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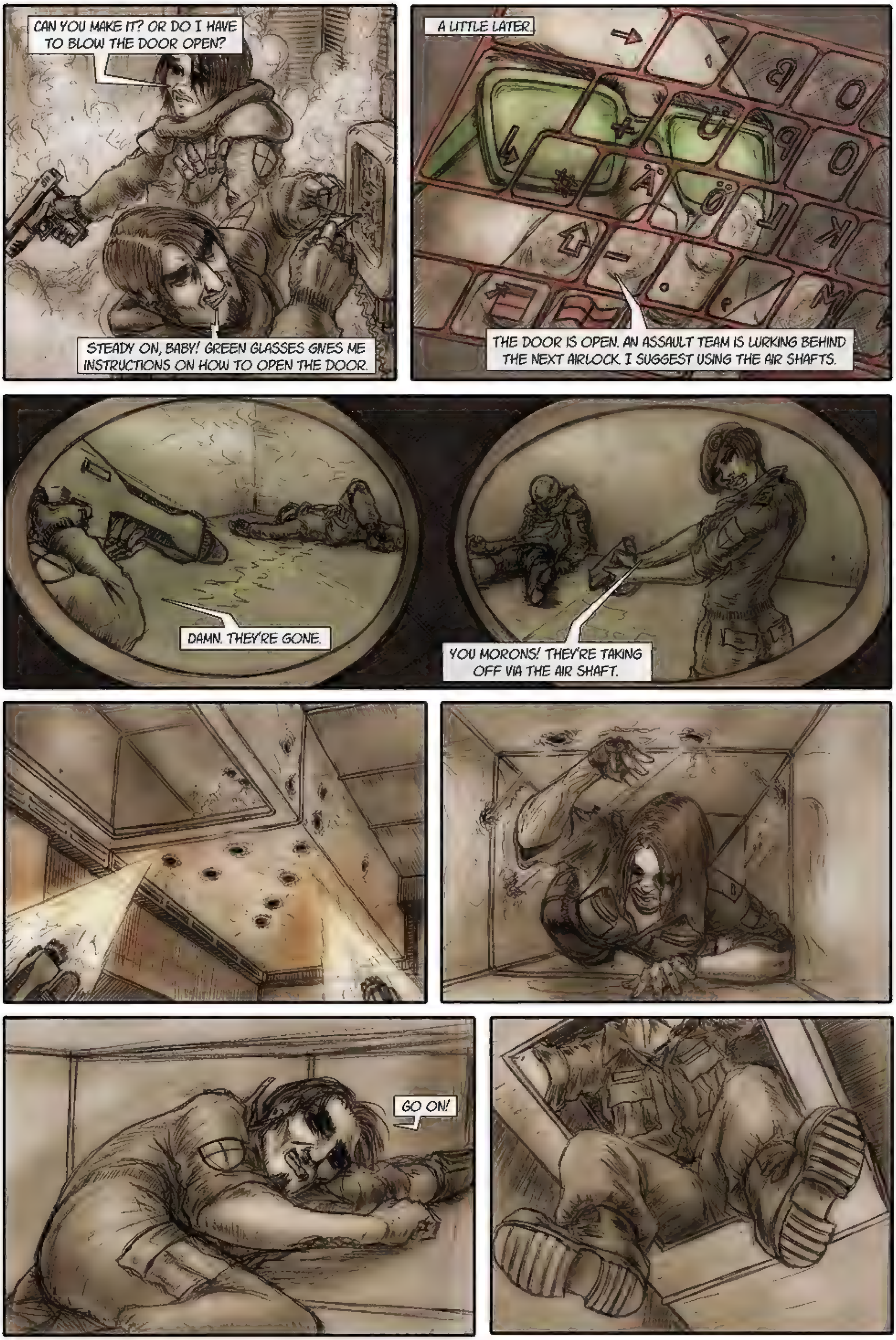
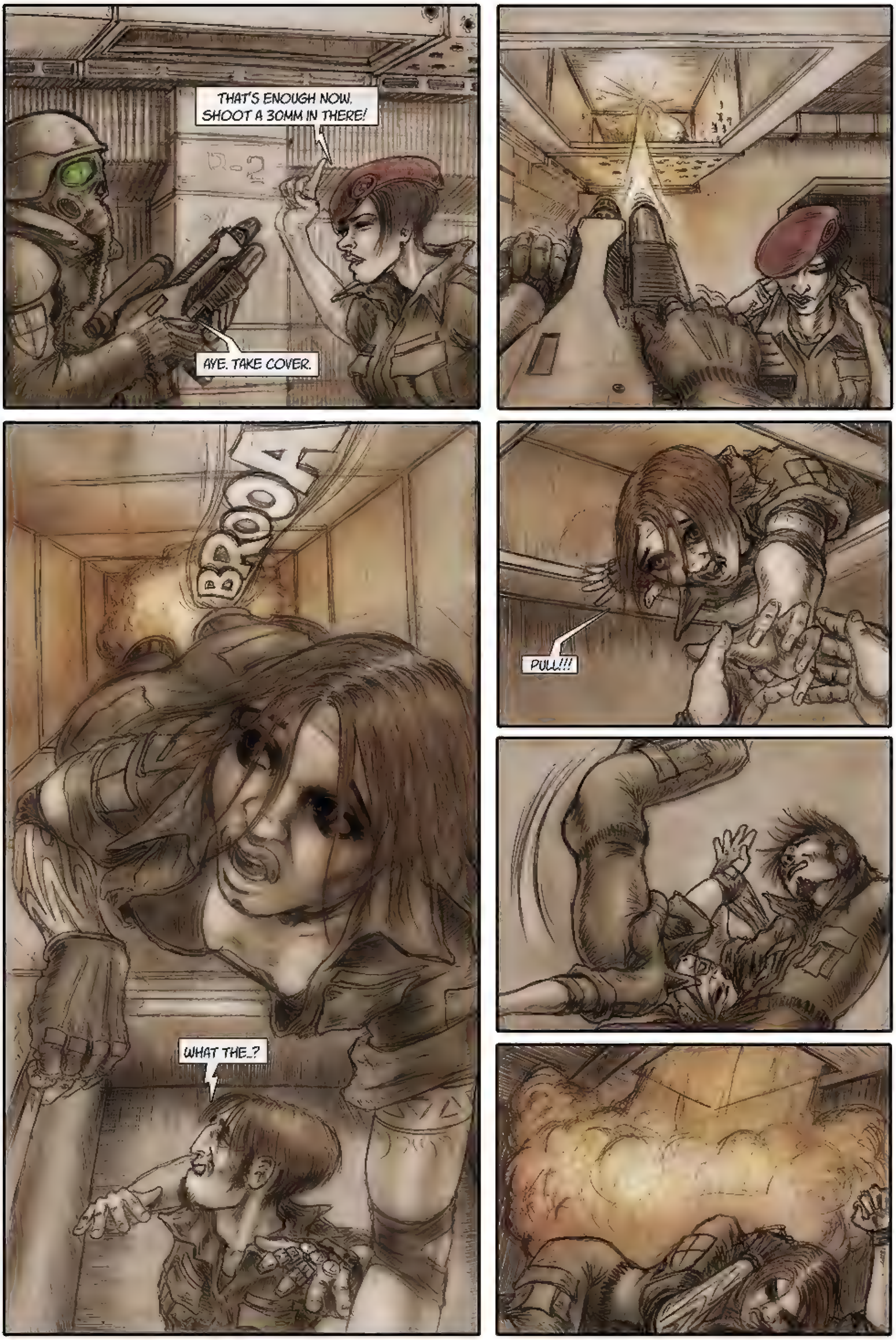
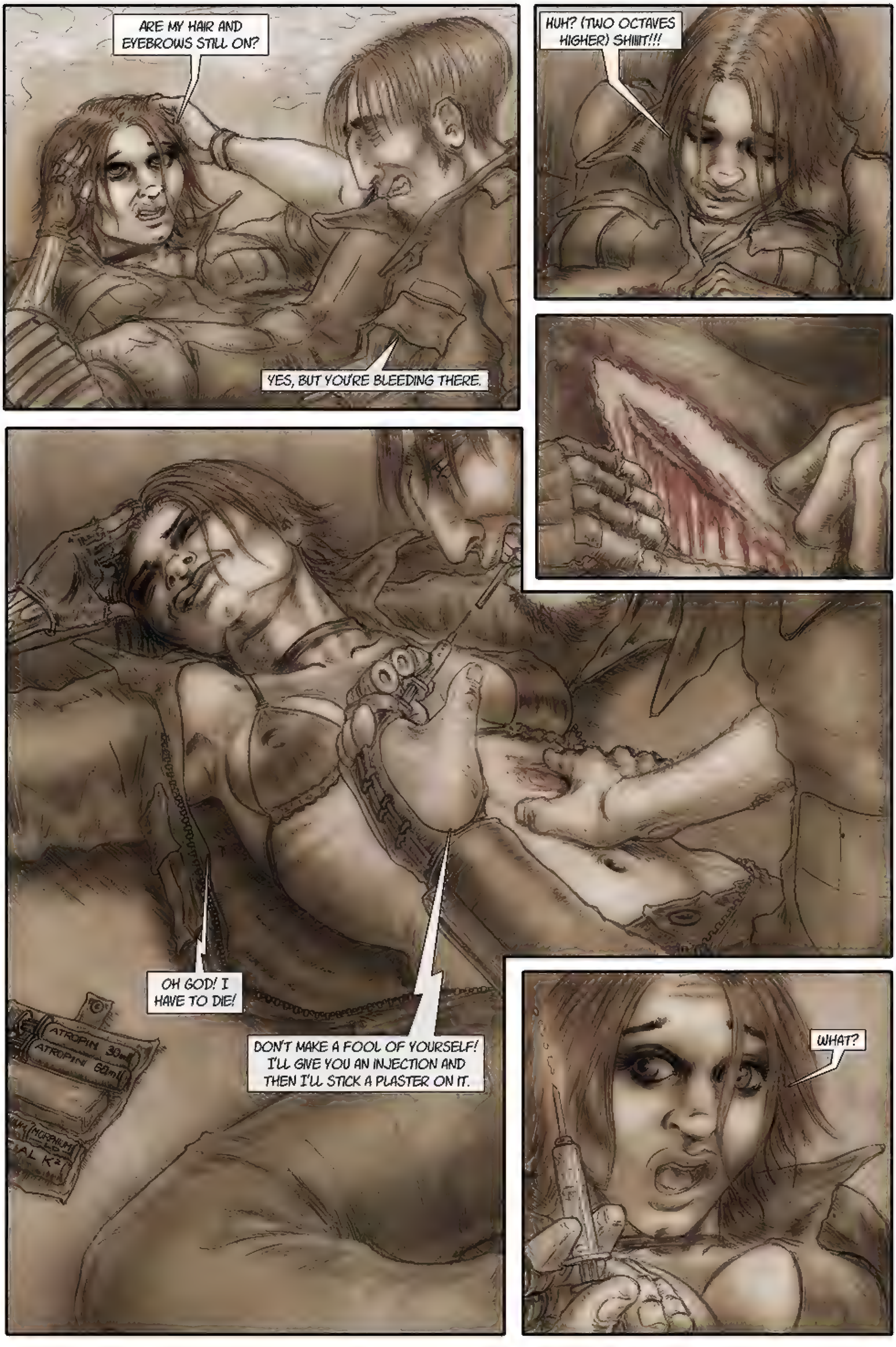
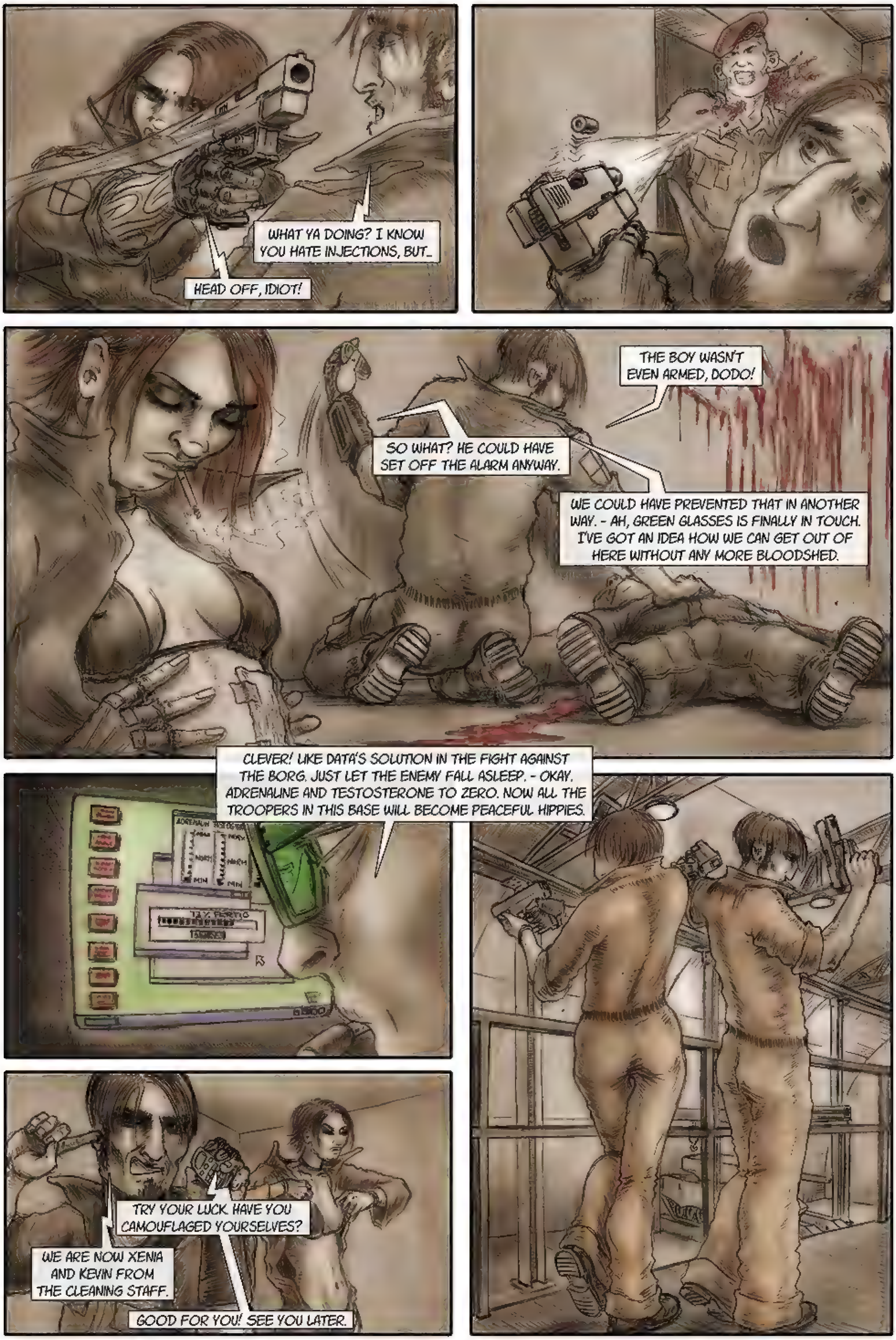
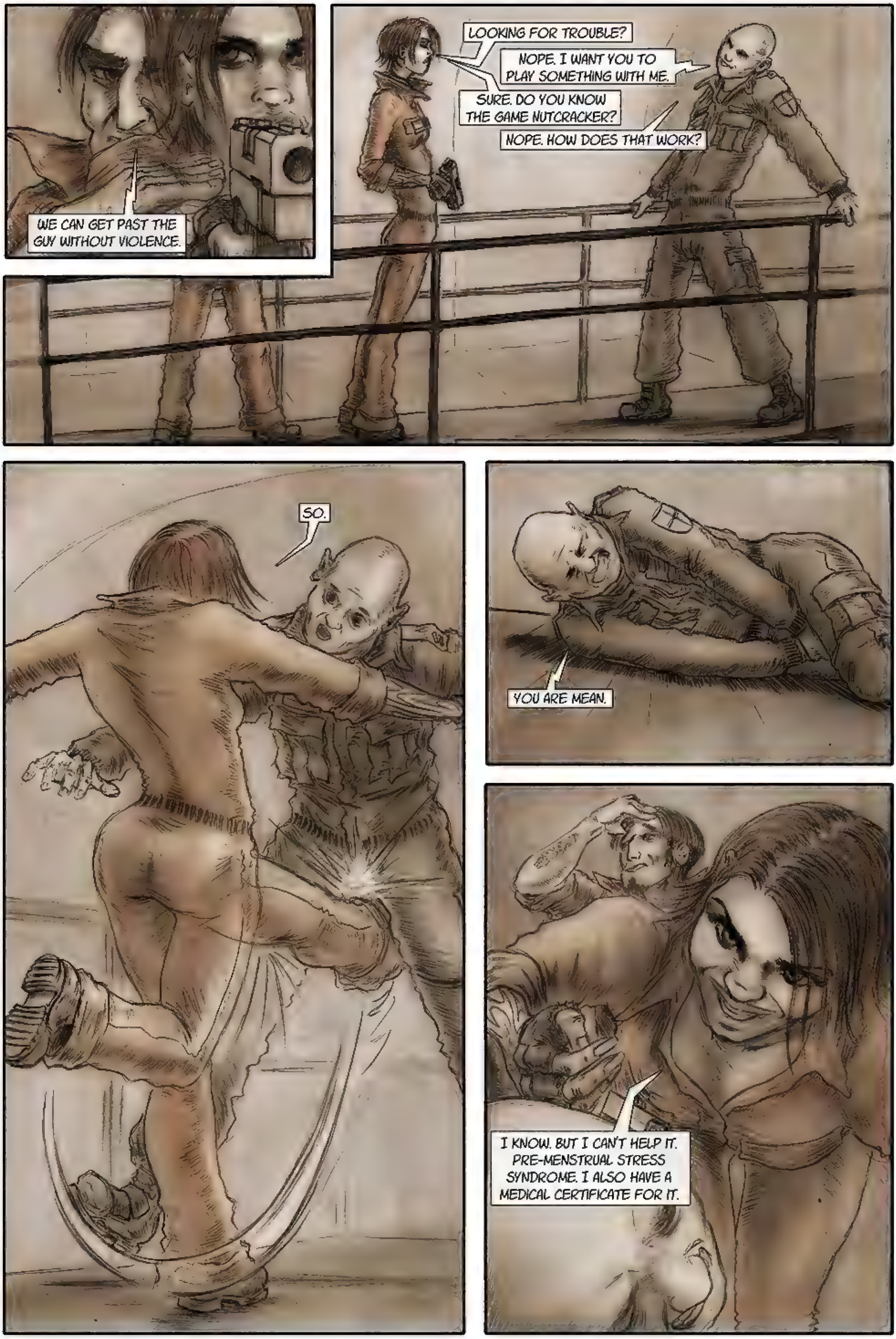
nicht mit Telem
übereinstimmen
S.A.R.D.I.C. em
Eindringling-Al
auslösen!
I KNEW IT. INTRUDER ALERT!
UiiH... UiiH... UiiH
UiiH... UiiH... UiiH!
WE'VE BEEN EXPOSED. KILL EM ALL!
MAKE A REPORT!
INFILTRATORS IN THE QUARANTINE STATION. SHOTS ARE FIRED. THE BOSS ORDERS YOU TO CLEAR UP THE CRISIS PERSONALLY.
SHIT. GATHER TEAM BRAVO IN FRONT OF THE AIRLOCK. BUT FIRST FLOOD THE ENTIRE AREA WITH GAS.
WE GOT THEM ALL. WHAT KIND OF GAS IS THAT? SHOULD I PUT THE MASK BACK ON?
CARBON MONOXIDE. GAS MASKS ARE USELESS. WE HAVE TO GET OUTTA HERE BEFORE WE LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS.

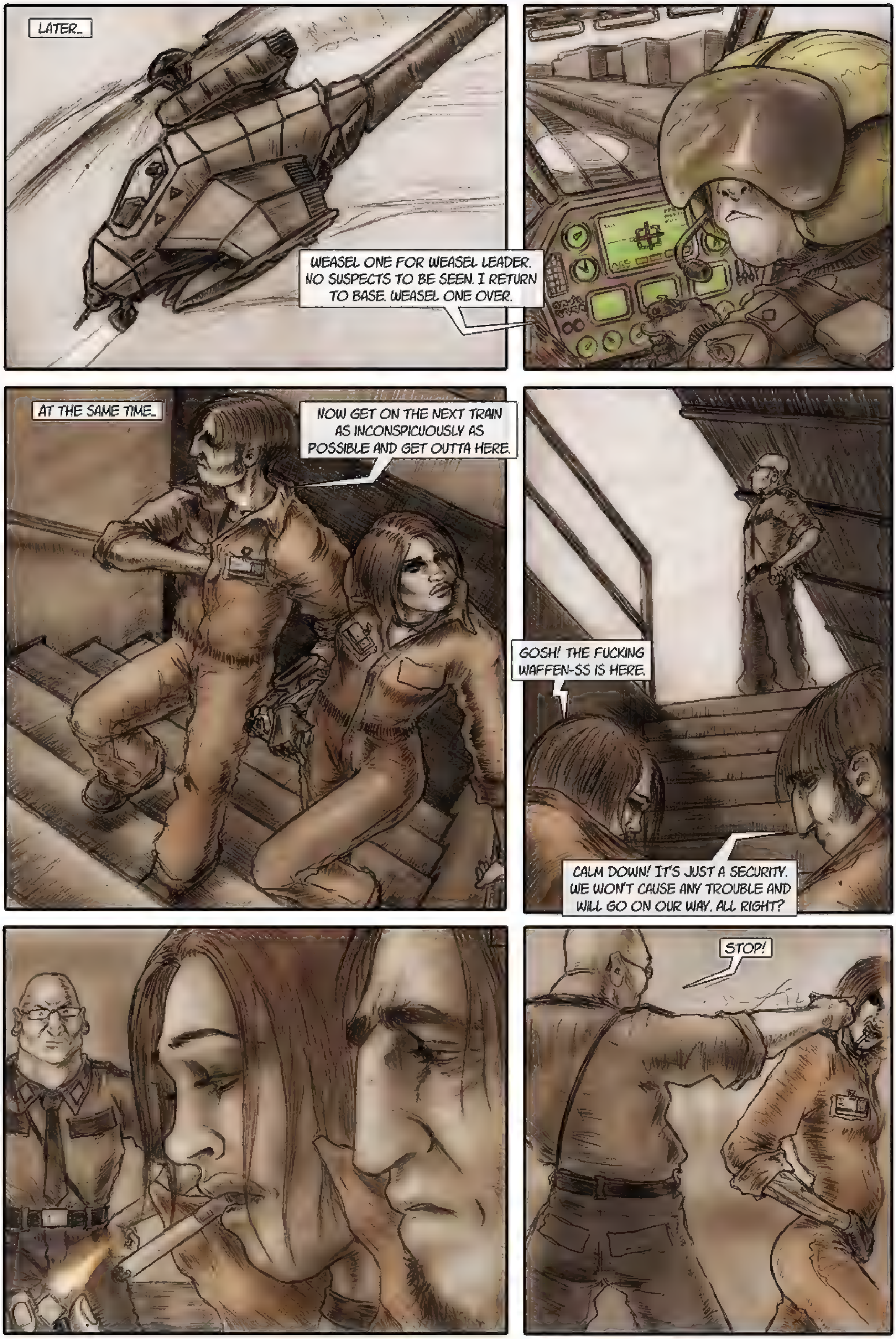

CAN YOU MAKE IT? OR DO I HAVE TO BLOW THE DOOR OPEN?
STEADY ON, BABY! GREEN GLASSES GIVES ME INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO OPEN THE DOOR.
A LITTLE LATER.
THE DOOR IS OPEN. AN ASSAULT TEAM IS LURKING BEHIND THE NEXT AIRLOCK. I SUGGEST USING THE AIR SHAFTS.
DAMN. THEY'RE GONE.
YOU MORONS! THEY'RE TAKING OFF VIA THE AIR SHAFT.
GO ON!

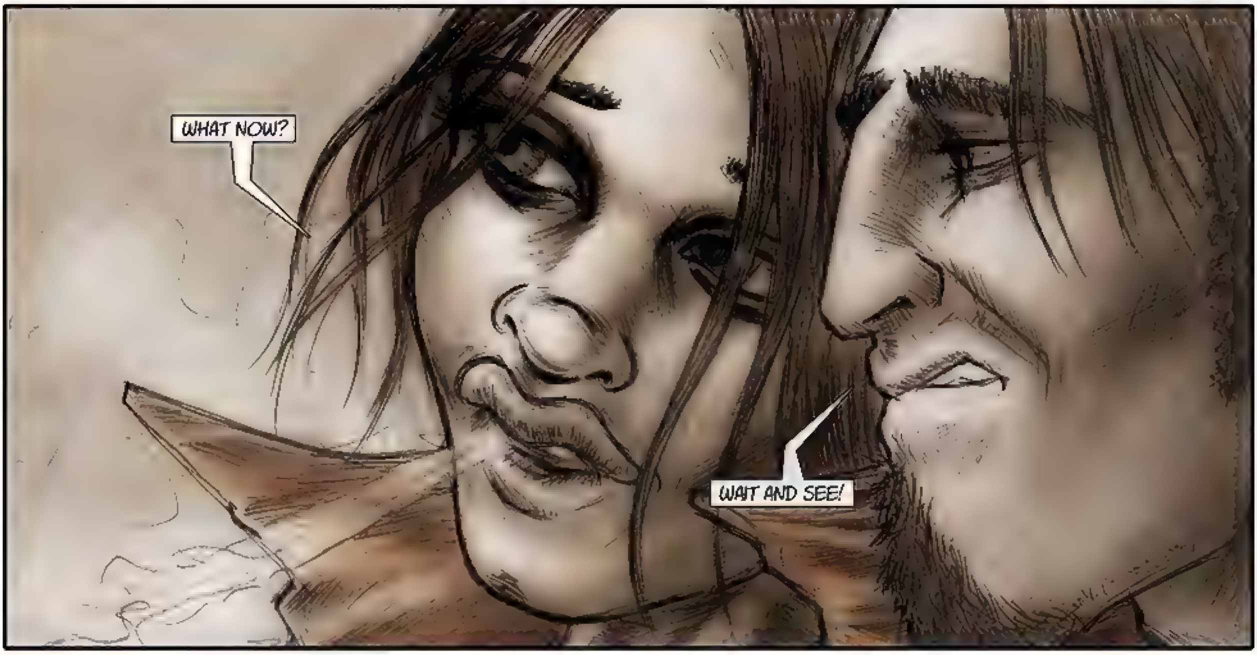

THAT'S ENOUGH NOW. SHOOT A 30MM IN THERE!
AYE. TAKE COVER.
BROOA
WHAT THE..?
PULL!!!

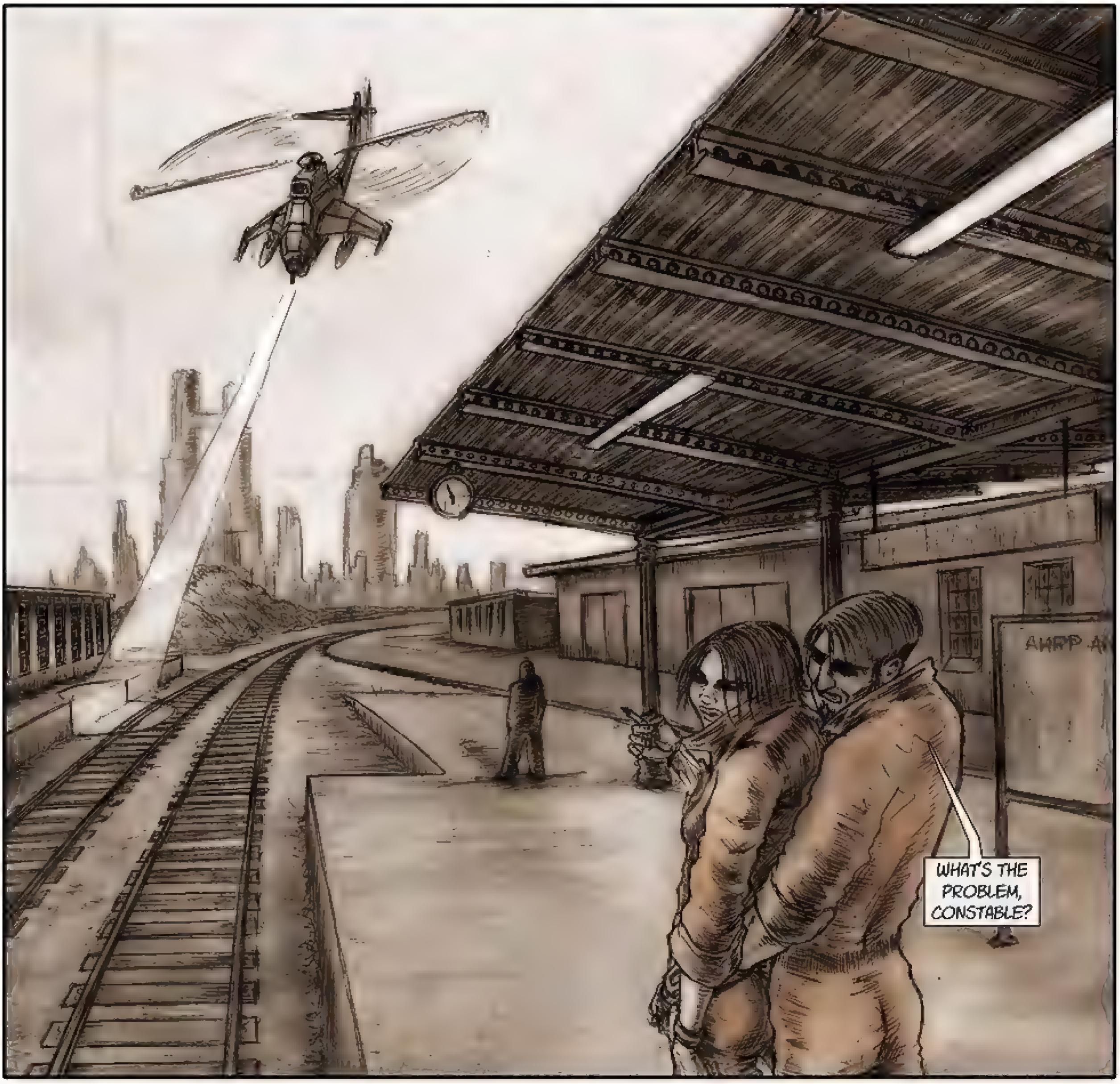

ARE MY HAIR AND EYEBROWS STILL ON?
YES, BUT YOU'RE BLEEDING THERE.
HUH? (TWO OCTAVES HIGHER) SHIIIIT!!!
OH GOD! I HAVE TO DIE!
DON'T MAKE A FOOL OF YOURSELF! I'LL GIVE YOU AN INJECTION AND THEN I'LL STICK A PLASTER ON IT.
ATROPIN 30ml
ATROPIN 60ml
MORPHIUM
AL K²
WHAT?

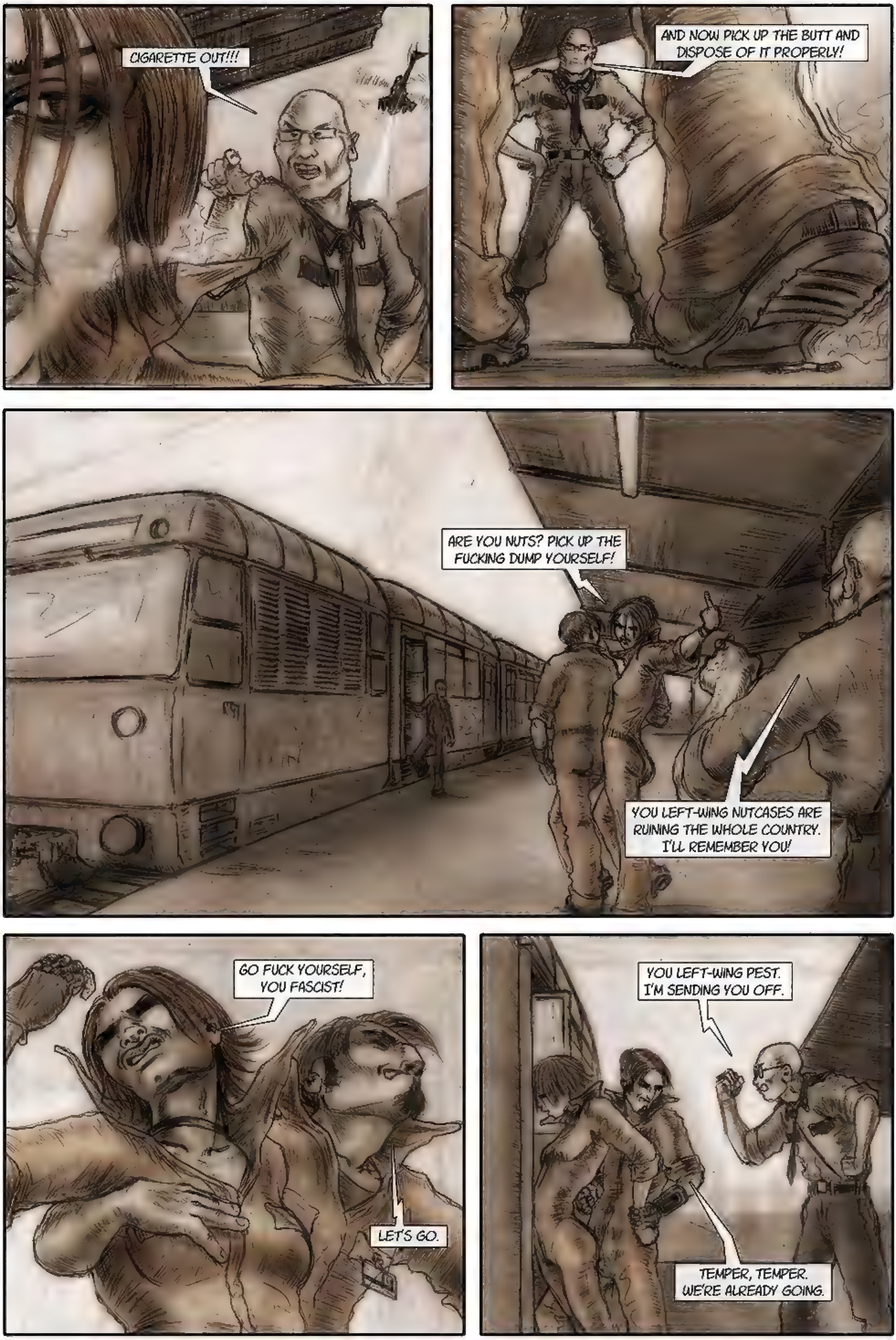

WHAT YA DOING? I KNOW YOU HATE INJECTIONS, BUT...
HEAD OFF, IDIOT!
THE BOY WASN'T EVEN ARMED, DODO!
SO WHAT? HE COULD HAVE SET OFF THE ALARM ANYWAY.
WE COULD HAVE PREVENTED THAT IN ANOTHER WAY. - AH, GREEN GLASSES IS FINALLY IN TOUCH. I'VE GOT AN IDEA HOW WE CAN GET OUT OF HERE WITHOUT ANY MORE BLOODSHED.
CLEVER! LIKE DATA'S SOLUTION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE BORG. JUST LET THE ENEMY FALL ASLEEP. - OKAY. ADRENALINE AND TESTOSTERONE TO ZERO. NOW ALL THE TROOPERS IN THIS BASE WILL BECOME PEACEFUL HIPPIES.
TRY YOUR LUCK. HAVE YOU CAMOUFLAGED YOURSELVES?
WE ARE NOW XENIA AND KEVIN FROM THE CLEANING STAFF.
GOOD FOR YOU! SEE YOU LATER.

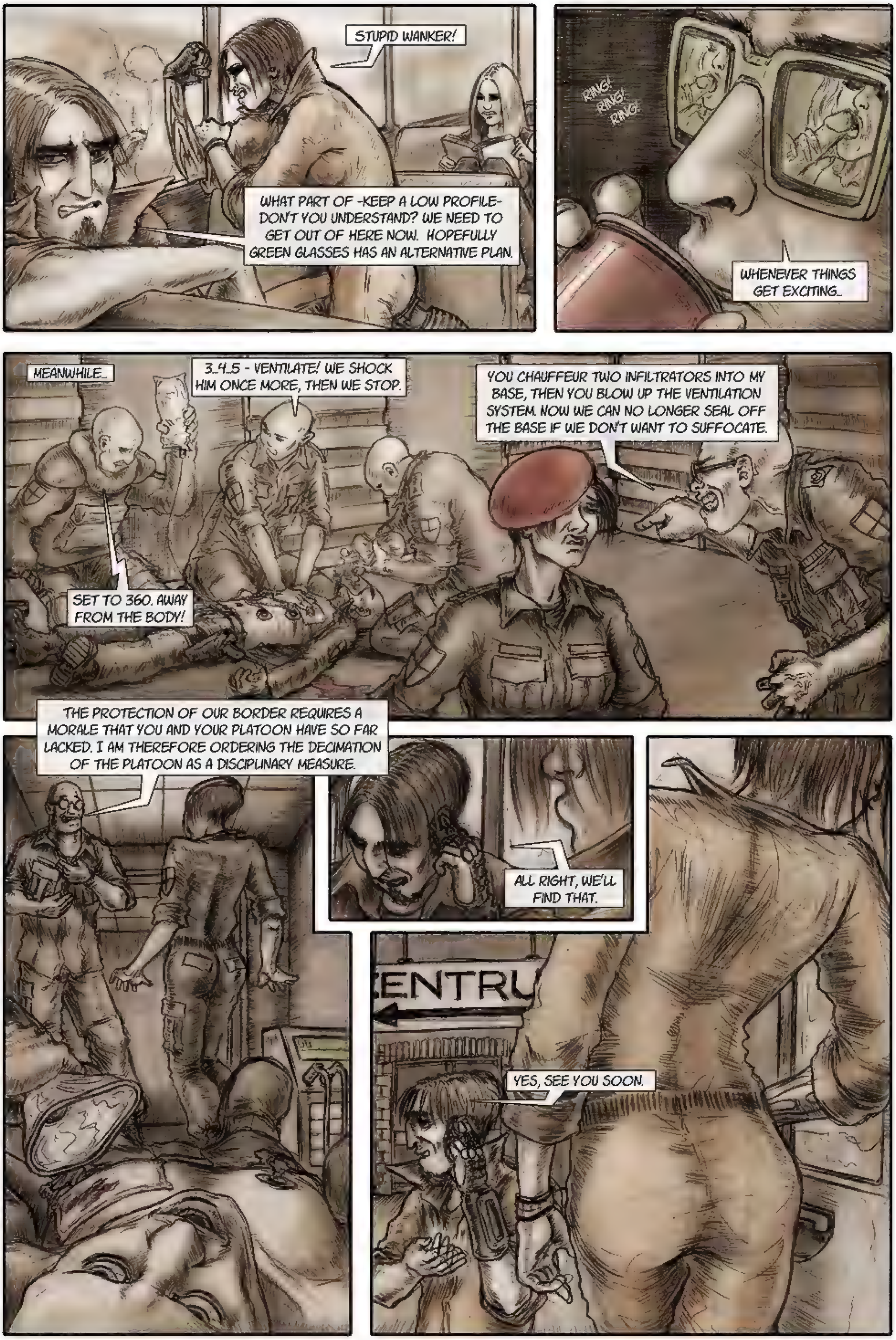

WE CAN GET PAST THE GUY WITHOUT VIOLENCE.
LOOKING FOR TROUBLE?
NOPE. I WANT YOU TO PLAY SOMETHING WITH ME.
SURE. DO YOU KNOW THE GAME NUTCRACKER?
NOPE. HOW DOES THAT WORK?
SO.
YOU ARE MEAN.
I KNOW. BUT I CAN'T HELP IT. PRE-MENSTRUAL STRESS SYNDROME. I ALSO HAVE A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR IT.

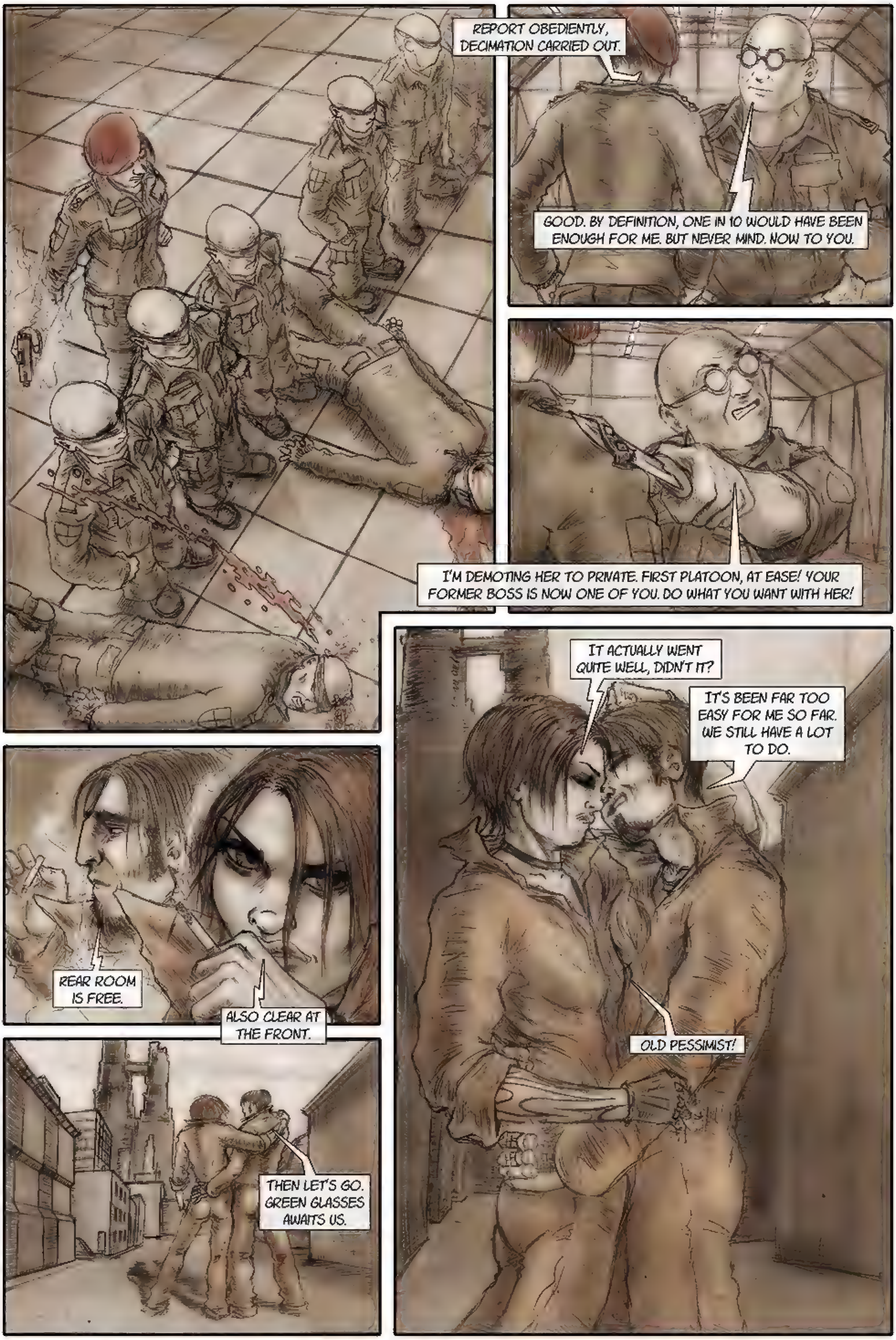

LATER...
WEASEL ONE FOR WEASEL LEADER. NO SUSPECTS TO BE SEEN. I RETURN TO BASE. WEASEL ONE OVER.
AT THE SAME TIME...
NOW GET ON THE NEXT TRAIN AS INCONSPICUOUSLY AS POSSIBLE AND GET OUTTA HERE.
GOSH! THE FUCKING WAFFEN-SS IS HERE.
CALM DOWN! IT'S JUST A SECURITY. WE WON'T CAUSE ANY TROUBLE AND WILL GO ON OUR WAY. ALL RIGHT?
STOP!

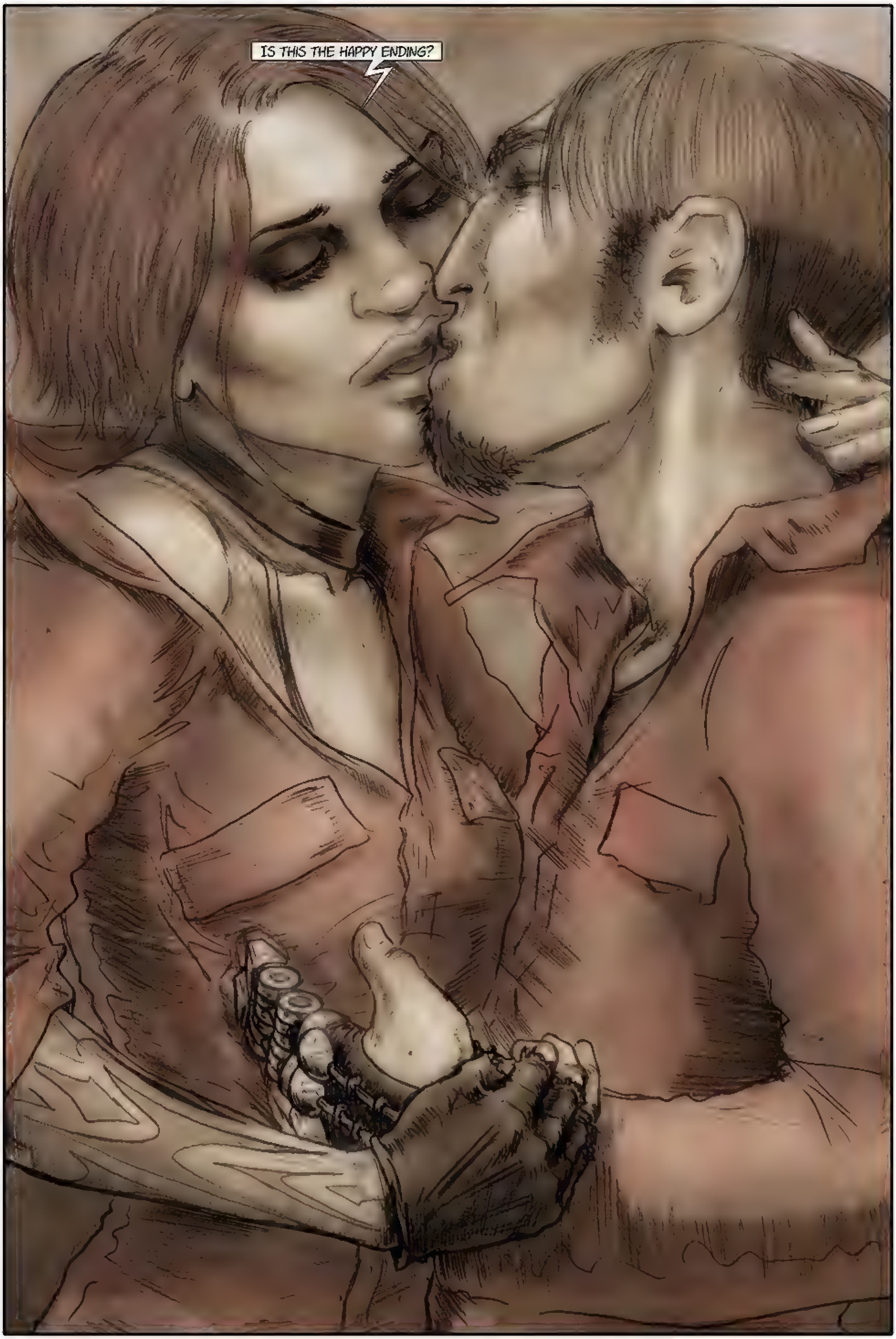

WHAT NOW?
WAIT AND SEE!

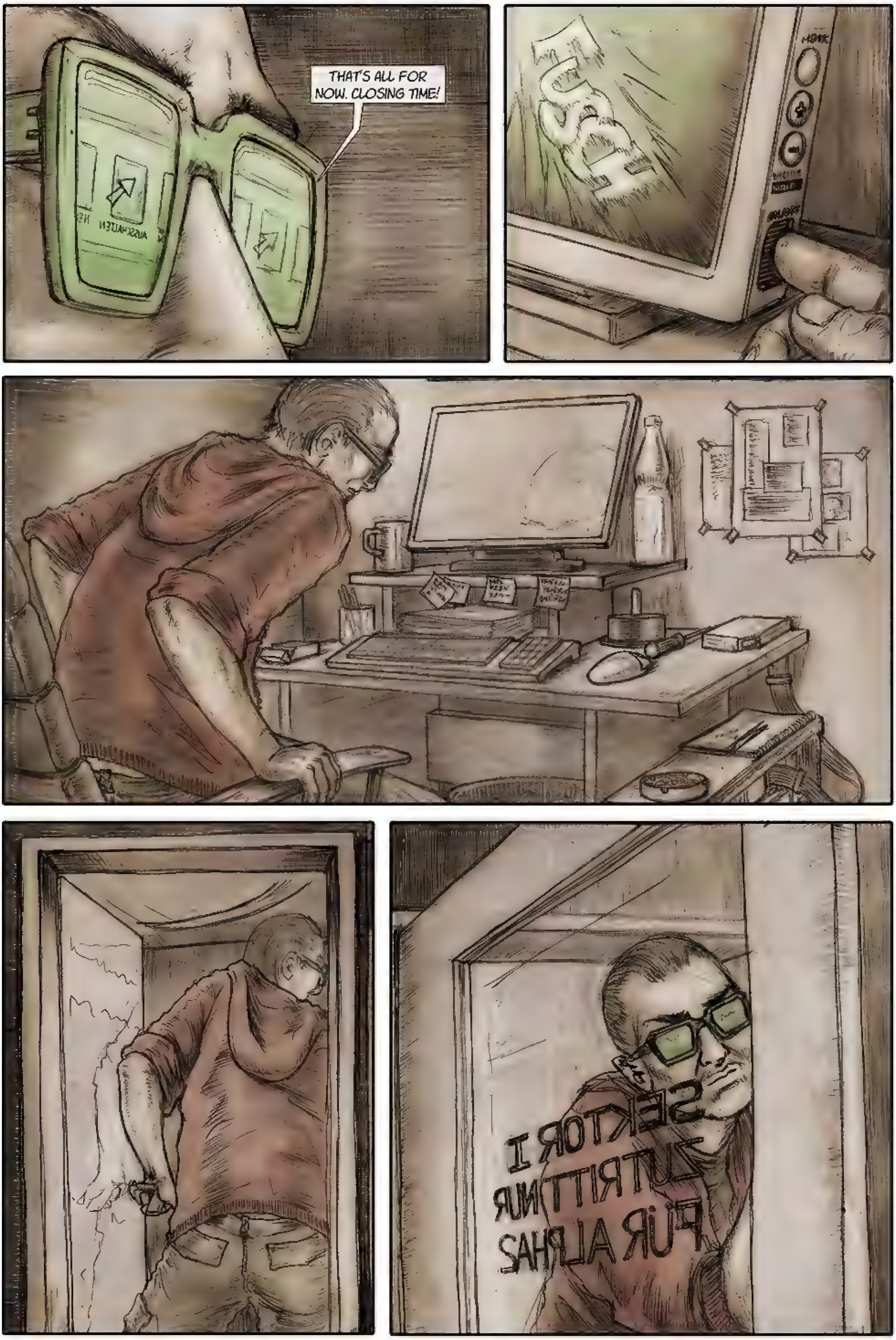

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, CONSTABLE?


CIGARETTE OUT!!!
AND NOW PICK UP THE BUTT AND DISPOSE OF IT PROPERLY!
ARE YOU NUTS? PICK UP THE FUCKING DUMP YOURSELF!
YOU LEFT-WING NUTCASES ARE RUINING THE WHOLE COUNTRY. I'LL REMEMBER YOU!
GO FUCK YOURSELF, YOU FASCIST!
LET'S GO.
YOU LEFT-WING PEST. I'M SENDING YOU OFF.
TEMPER, TEMPER. WE'RE ALREADY GOING.


STUPID WANKER!
WHAT PART OF -KEEP A LOW PROFILE- DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE NOW. HOPEFULLY GREEN GLASSES HAS AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN.
RING! RING! RING!
WHENEVER THINGS GET EXCITING...
MEANWHILE...
3...4...5 - VENTILATE! WE SHOCK HIM ONCE MORE, THEN WE STOP.
SET TO 360. AWAY FROM THE BODY!
YOU CHAUFFEUR TWO INFILTRATORS INTO MY BASE, THEN YOU BLOW UP THE VENTILATION SYSTEM. NOW WE CAN NO LONGER SEAL OFF THE BASE IF WE DON'T WANT TO SUFFOCATE.
THE PROTECTION OF OUR BORDER REQUIRES A MORALE THAT YOU AND YOUR PLATOON HAVE SO FAR LACKED. I AM THEREFORE ORDERING THE DECIMATION OF THE PLATOON AS A DISCIPLINARY MEASURE.
ALL RIGHT, WE'LL FIND THAT.
CENTRU
YES, SEE YOU SOON.


REPORT OBEDIENTLY, DECIMATION CARRIED OUT.
GOOD. BY DEFINITION, ONE IN 10 WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH FOR ME. BUT NEVER MIND. NOW TO YOU.
I'M DEMOTING HER TO PRIVATE. FIRST PLATOON, AT EASE! YOUR FORMER BOSS IS NOW ONE OF YOU. DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH HER!
REAR ROOM IS FREE.
ALSO CLEAR AT THE FRONT.
IT ACTUALLY WENT QUITE WELL, DIDN'T IT?
IT'S BEEN FAR TOO EASY FOR ME SO FAR. WE STILL HAVE A LOT TO DO.
OLD PESSIMIST!
THEN LET'S GO. GREEN GLASSES AWAITS US.


IS THIS THE HAPPY ENDING?


AUSSCHALTEN
THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. CLOSING TIME!
FUSCH
HOME
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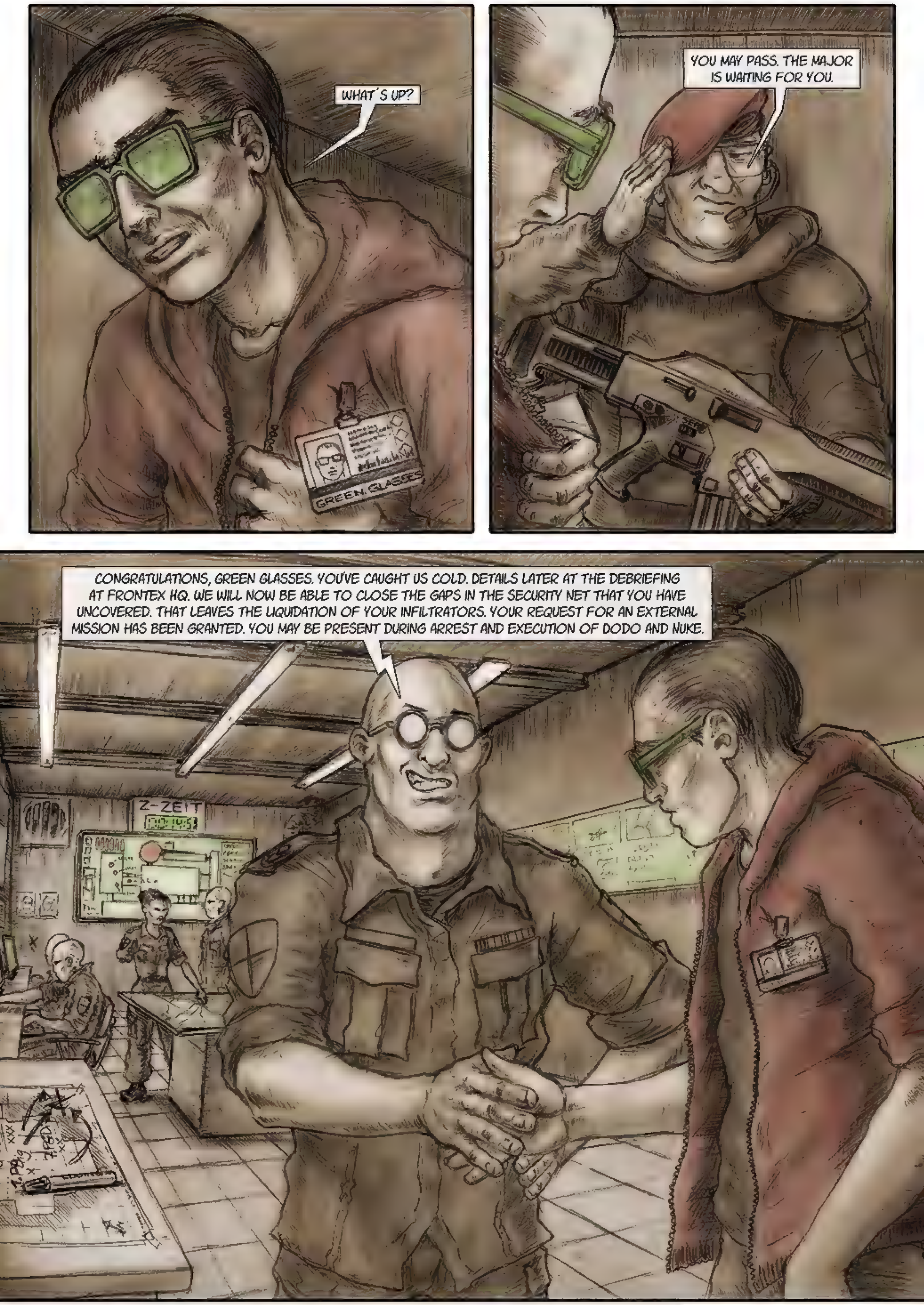
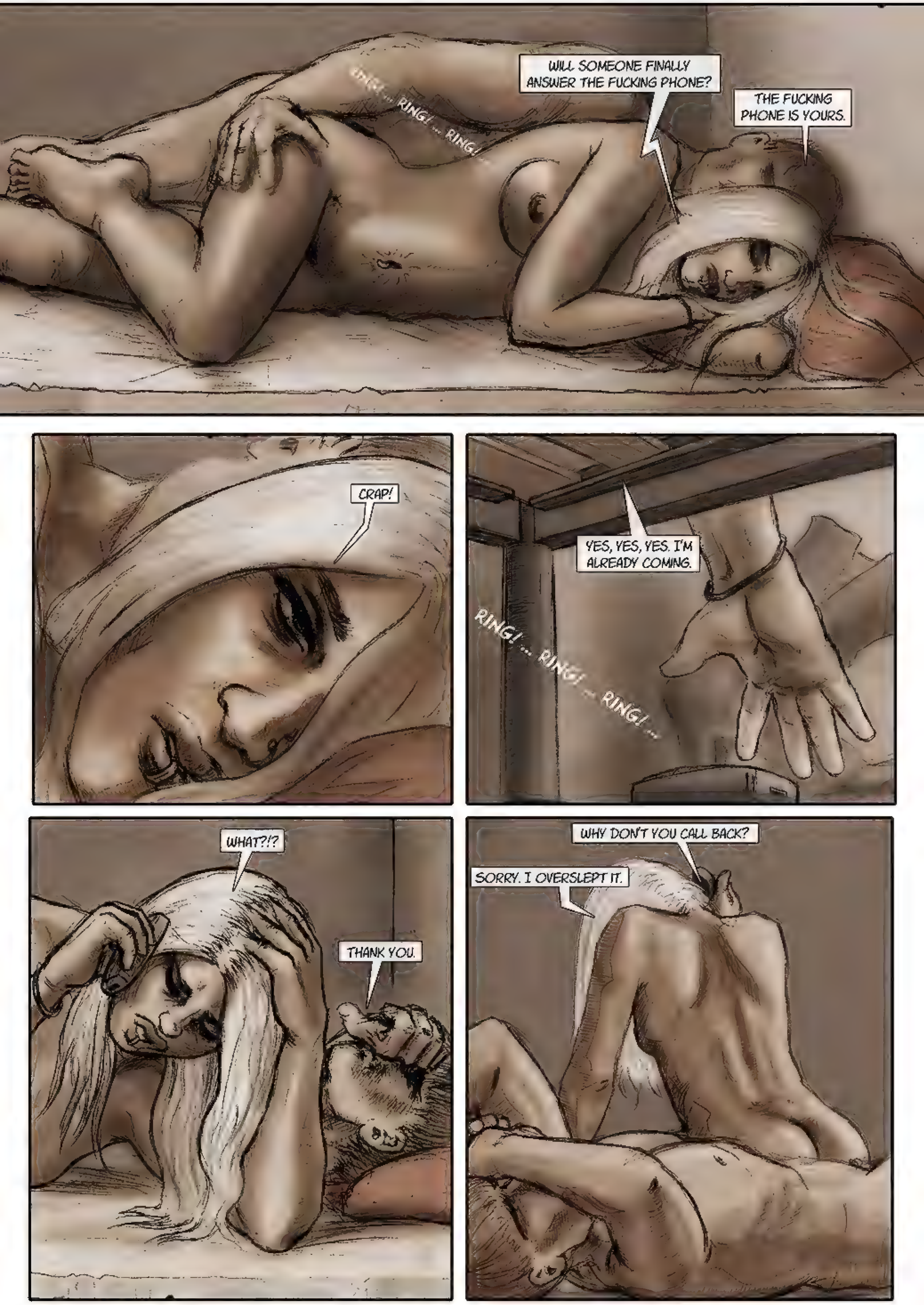
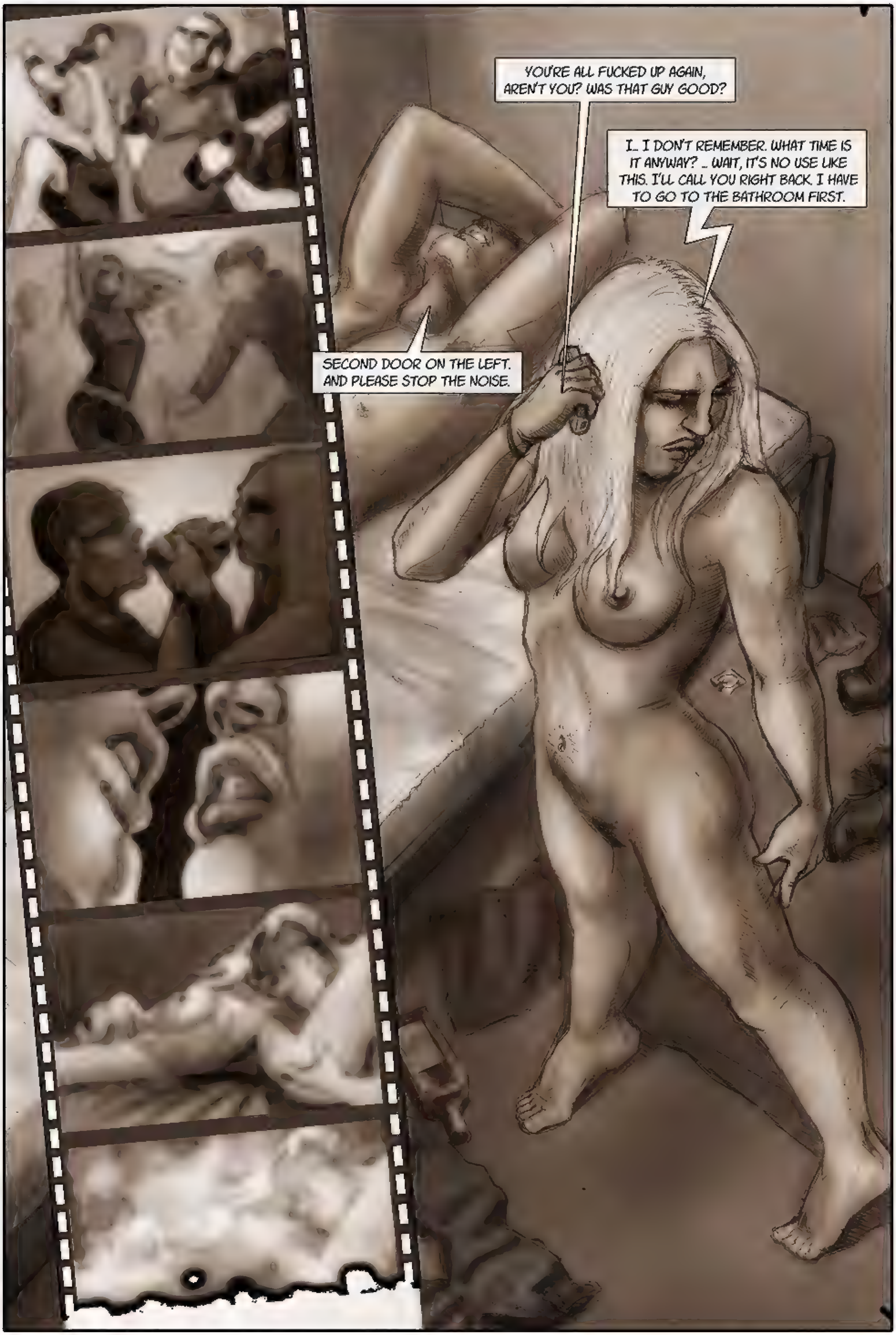
FÜR ALPHAS

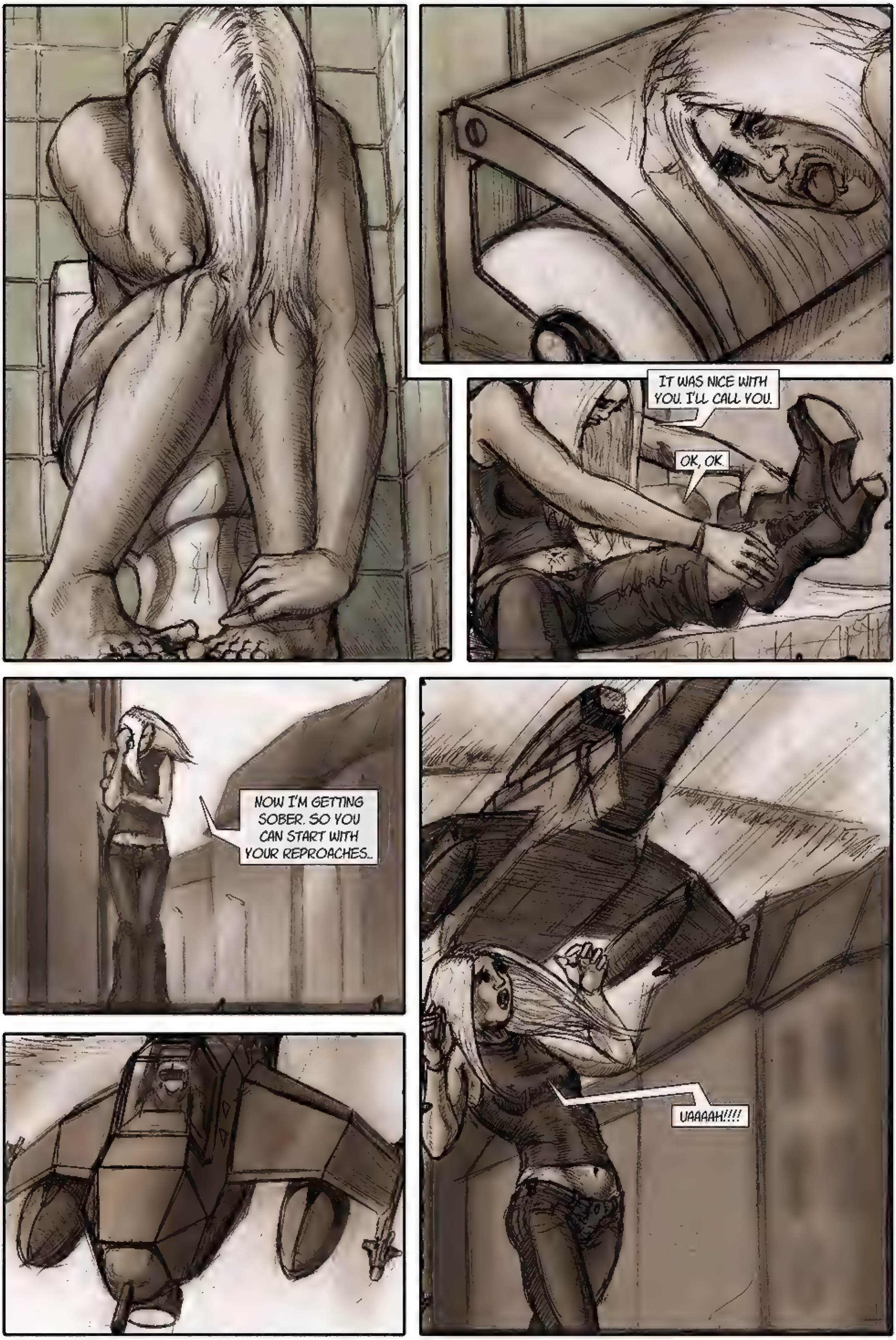

WHAT´S UP?
GREEN. GLASSES
YOU MAY PASS. THE MAJOR IS WAITING FOR YOU.
CONGRATULATIONS, GREEN GLASSES. YOU'VE CAUGHT US COLD. DETAILS LATER AT THE DEBRIEFING AT FRONTEX HQ. WE WILL NOW BE ABLE TO CLOSE THE GAPS IN THE SECURITY NET THAT YOU HAVE UNCOVERED. THAT LEAVES THE LIQUIDATION OF YOUR INFILTRATORS. YOUR REQUEST FOR AN EXTERNAL MISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED. YOU MAY BE PRESENT DURING ARREST AND EXECUTION OF DODO AND NUKE.
Z-ZEIT

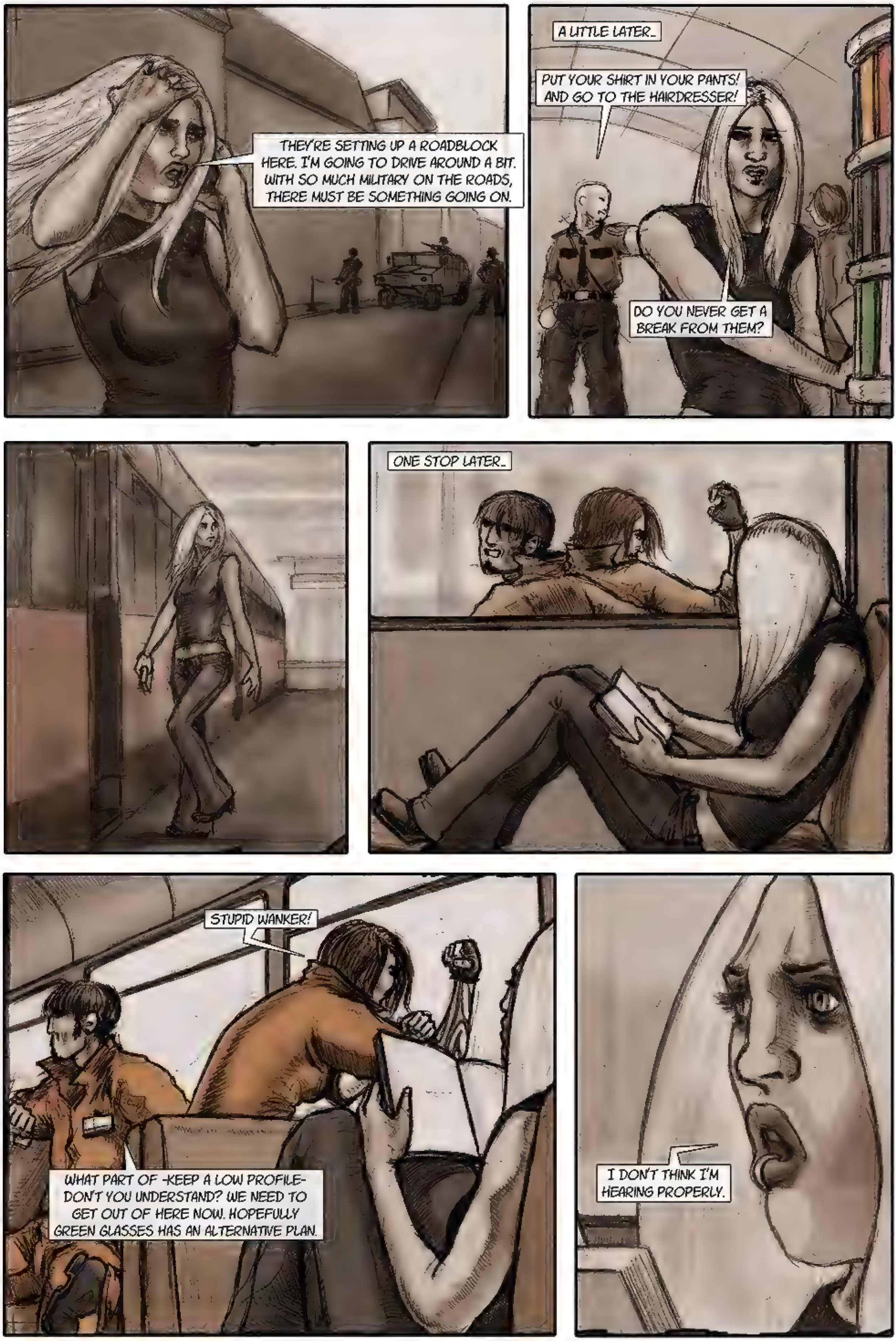
MICHAEL FELDMANNS
HADES-SYNDROM
TEIL III: HINTERHALT

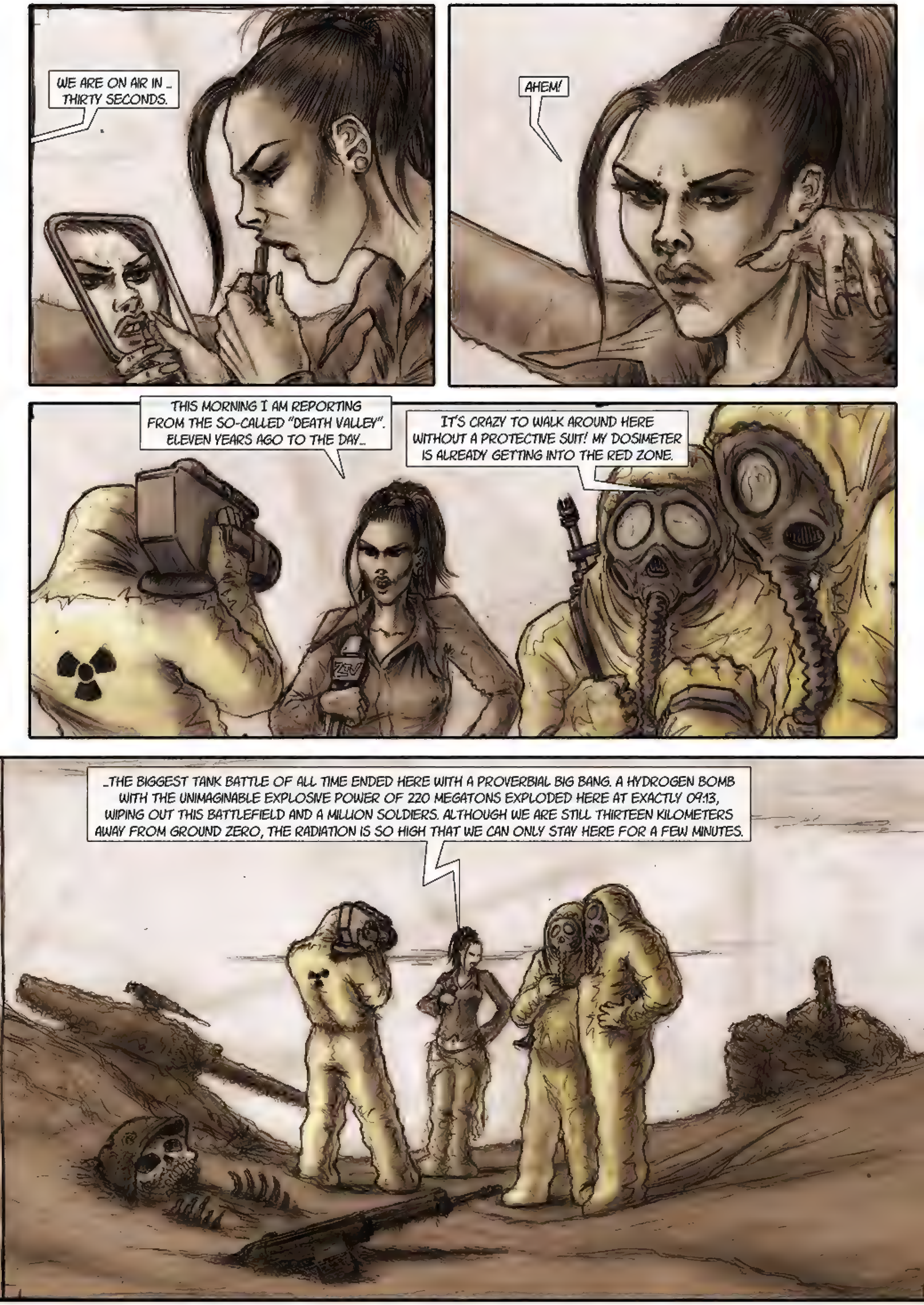
CHAPTER 3 AMBUSH

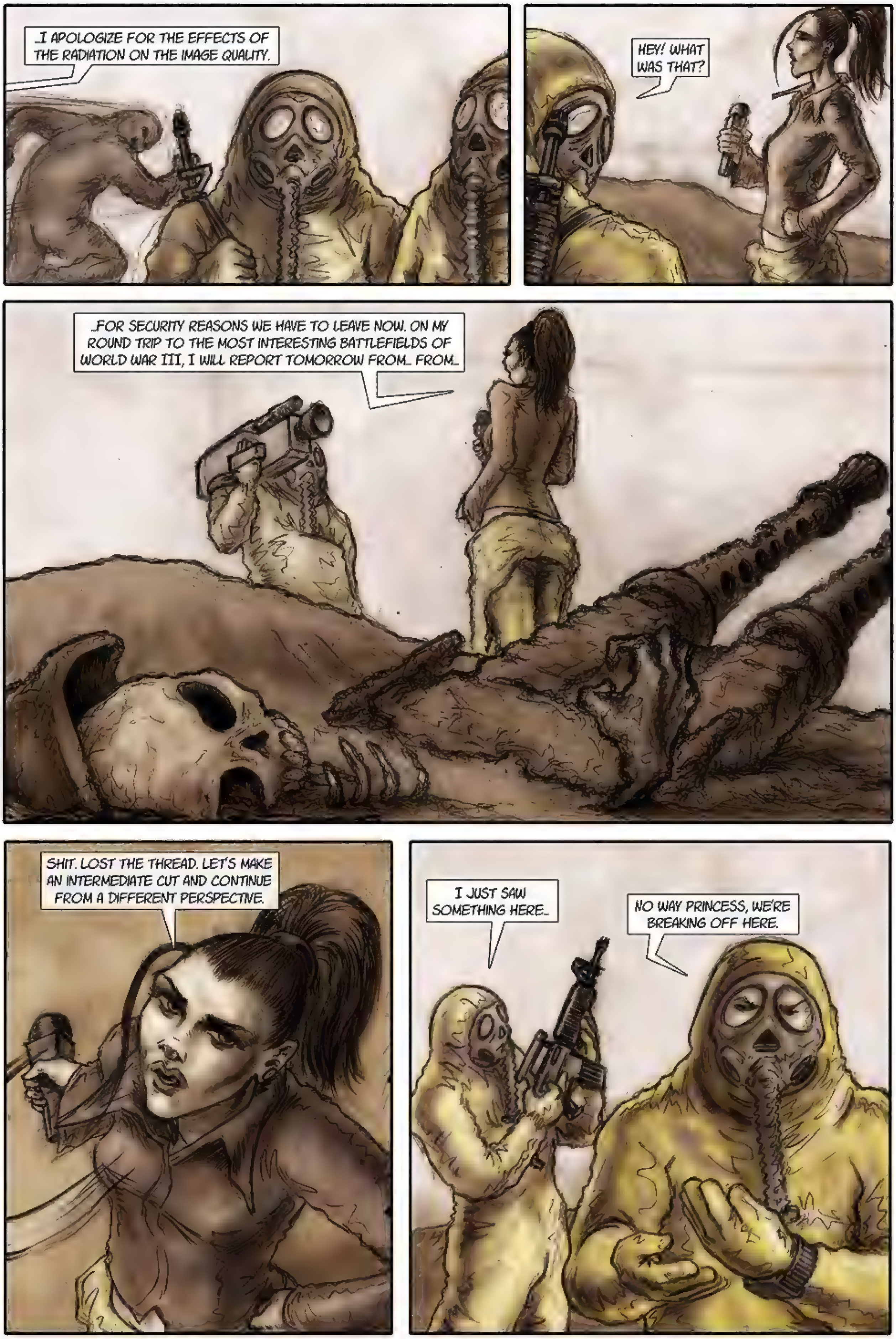

RING! ... RING! ... RING! ...
WILL SOMEONE FINALLY ANSWER THE FUCKING PHONE?
THE FUCKING PHONE IS YOURS.
CRAP!
YES, YES, YES. I'M ALREADY COMING.
RING! ... RING! ... RING! ...
WHAT?!?
THANK YOU.
WHY DON'T YOU CALL BACK?
SORRY. I OVERSLEPT IT.

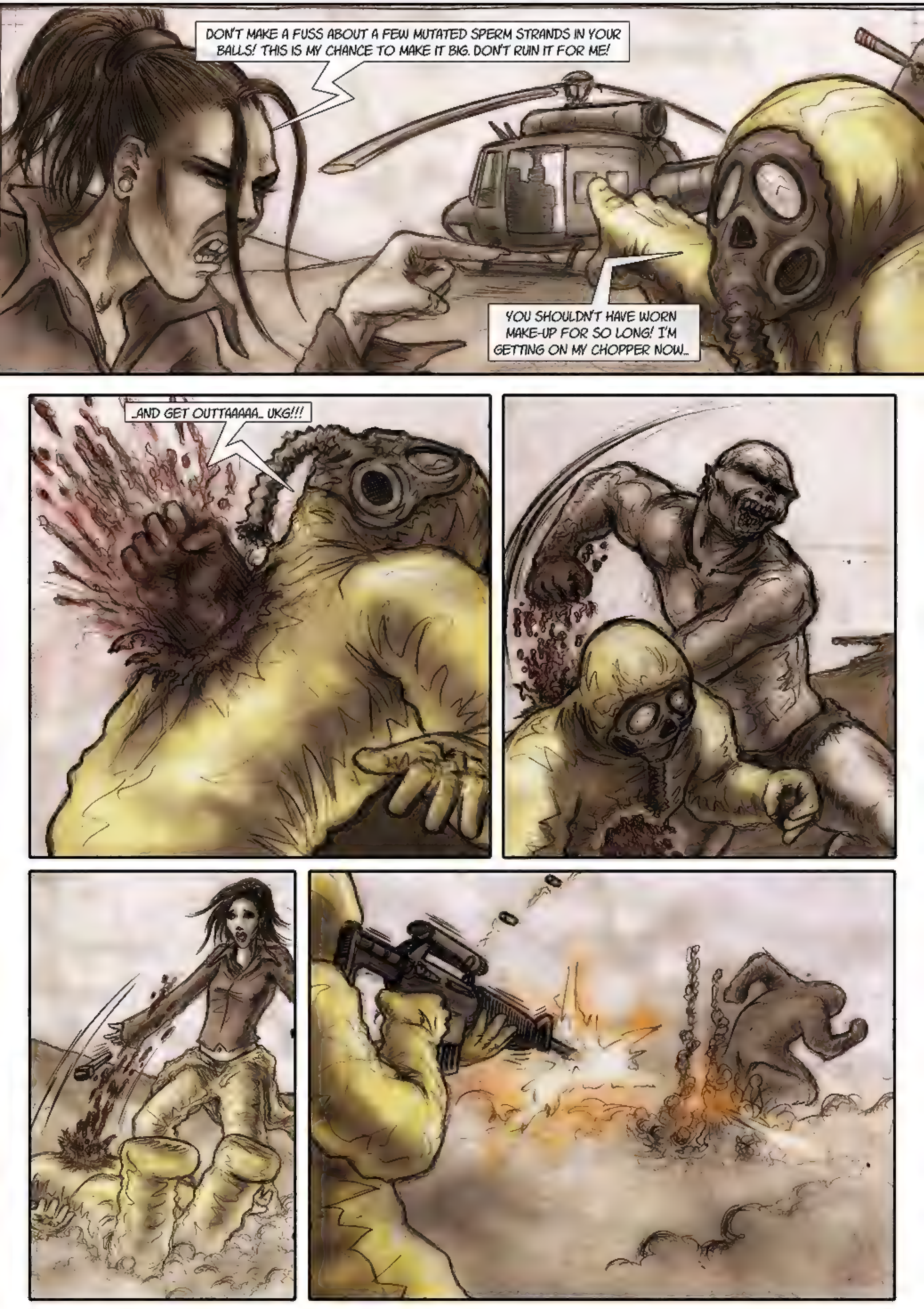

YOU'RE ALL FUCKED UP AGAIN, AREN'T YOU? WAS THAT GUY GOOD?
I.. I DON'T REMEMBER. WHAT TIME IS IT ANYWAY? .. WAIT, IT'S NO USE LIKE THIS. I'LL CALL YOU RIGHT BACK. I HAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM FIRST.
SECOND DOOR ON THE LEFT. AND PLEASE STOP THE NOISE.

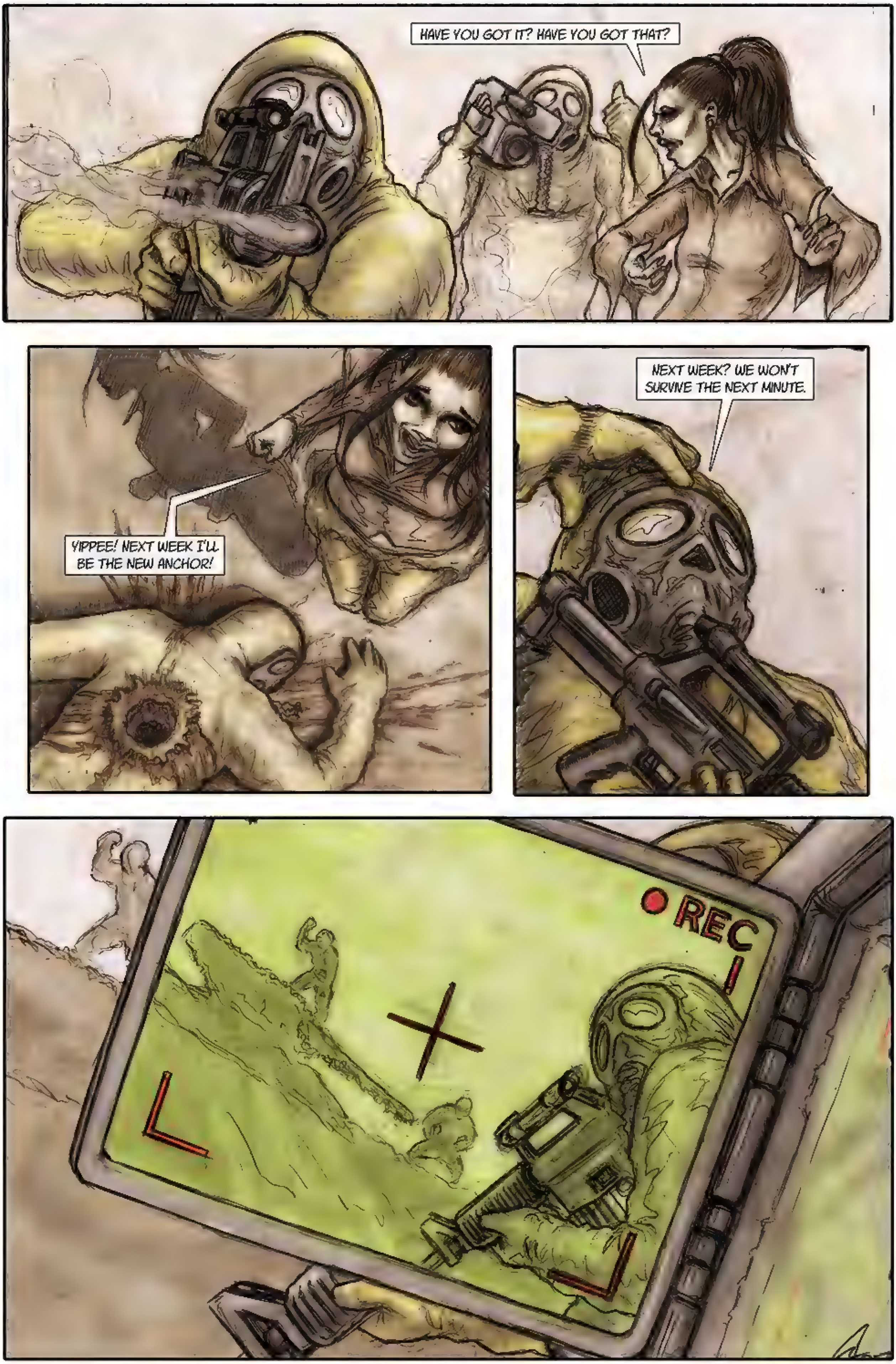

IT WAS NICE WITH YOU. I'LL CALL YOU.
OK, OK.
NOW I'M GETTING SOBER. SO YOU CAN START WITH YOUR REPROACHES...
UAAAAH!!!!


THEY'RE SETTING UP A ROADBLOCK HERE. I'M GOING TO DRIVE AROUND A BIT. WITH SO MUCH MILITARY ON THE ROADS, THERE MUST BE SOMETHING GOING ON.
A LITTLE LATER...
PUT YOUR SHIRT IN YOUR PANTS! AND GO TO THE HAIRDRESSER!
DO YOU NEVER GET A BREAK FROM THEM?
ONE STOP LATER...
STUPID WANKER!
WHAT PART OF -KEEP A LOW PROFILE- DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE NOW. HOPEFULLY GREEN GLASSES HAS AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN.
I DON'T THINK I'M HEARING PROPERLY.


WE ARE ON AIR IN … THIRTY SECONDS.
AHEM!
THIS MORNING I AM REPORTING FROM THE SO-CALLED "DEATH VALLEY". ELEVEN YEARS AGO TO THE DAY…
IT'S CRAZY TO WALK AROUND HERE WITHOUT A PROTECTIVE SUIT! MY DOSIMETER IS ALREADY GETTING INTO THE RED ZONE.
ZTV
…THE BIGGEST TANK BATTLE OF ALL TIME ENDED HERE WITH A PROVERBIAL BIG BANG. A HYDROGEN BOMB WITH THE UNIMAGINABLE EXPLOSIVE POWER OF 220 MEGATONS EXPLODED HERE AT EXACTLY 09:13, WIPING OUT THIS BATTLEFIELD AND A MILLION SOLDIERS. ALTHOUGH WE ARE STILL THIRTEEN KILOMETERS AWAY FROM GROUND ZERO, THE RADIATION IS SO HIGH THAT WE CAN ONLY STAY HERE FOR A FEW MINUTES.


..I APOLOGIZE FOR THE EFFECTS OF THE RADIATION ON THE IMAGE QUALITY.
HEY! WHAT WAS THAT?
..FOR SECURITY REASONS WE HAVE TO LEAVE NOW. ON MY ROUND TRIP TO THE MOST INTERESTING BATTLEFIELDS OF WORLD WAR III, I WILL REPORT TOMORROW FROM.. FROM..
SHIT. LOST THE THREAD. LET'S MAKE AN INTERMEDIATE CUT AND CONTINUE FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.
I JUST SAW SOMETHING HERE..
NO WAY PRINCESS, WE'RE BREAKING OFF HERE.


DON'T MAKE A FUSS ABOUT A FEW MUTATED SPERM STRANDS IN YOUR BALLS! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO MAKE IT BIG. DON'T RUIN IT FOR ME!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE WORN MAKE-UP FOR SO LONG! I'M GETTING ON MY CHOPPER NOW...
...AND GET OUTTAAAAA... UKG!!!


HAVE YOU GOT IT? HAVE YOU GOT THAT?
YIPPEE! NEXT WEEK I'LL BE THE NEW ANCHOR!
NEXT WEEK? WE WON'T SURVIVE THE NEXT MINUTE.
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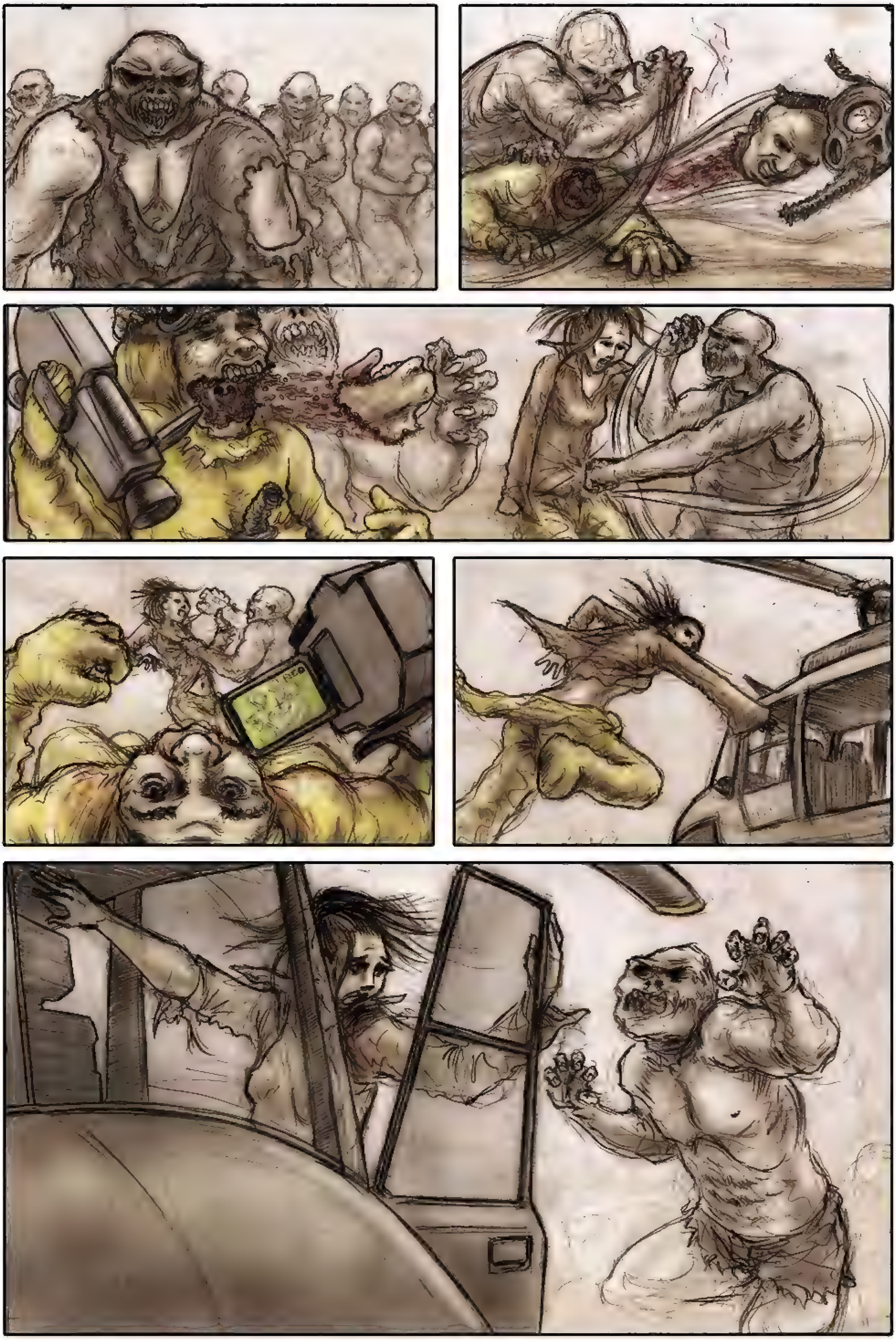
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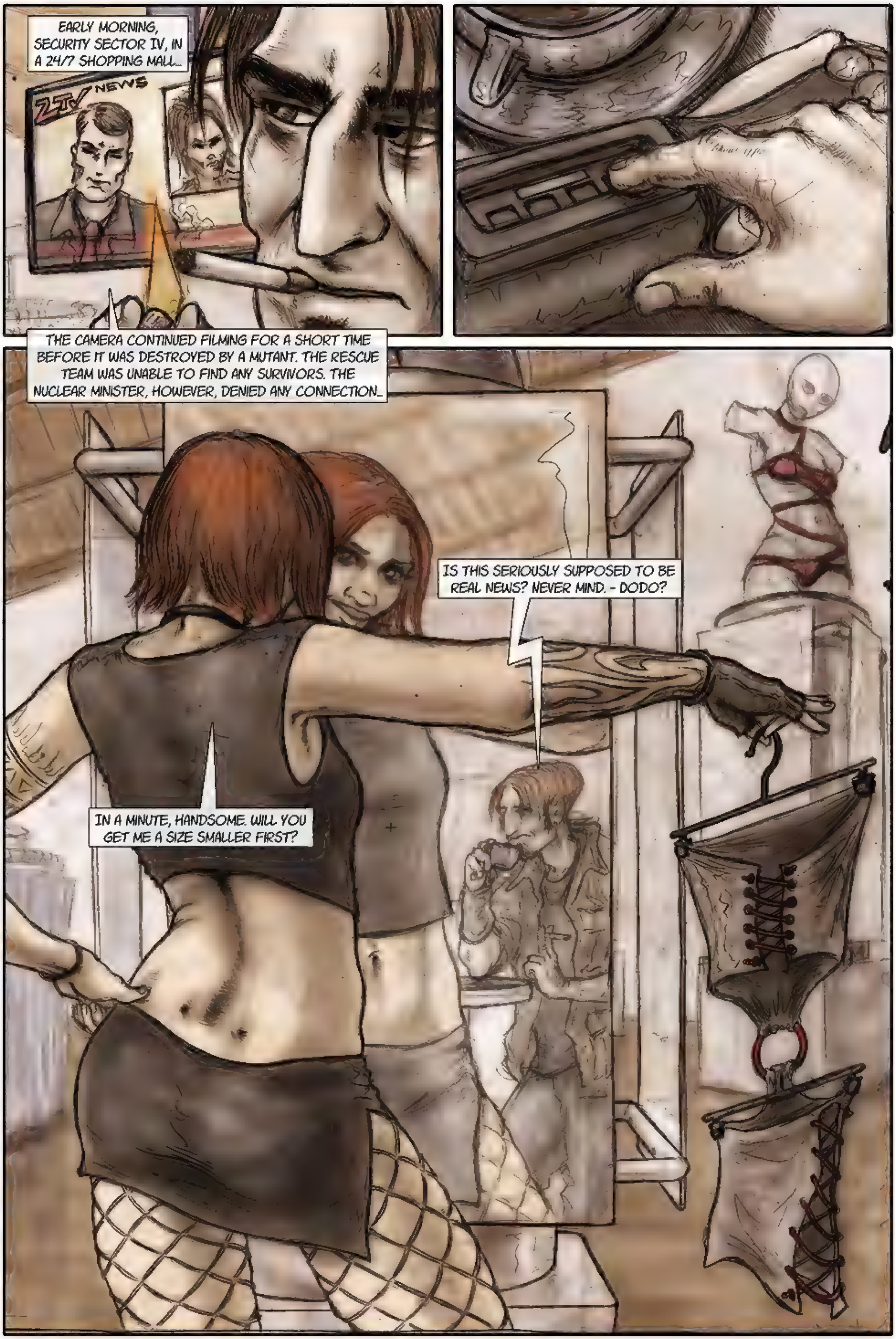
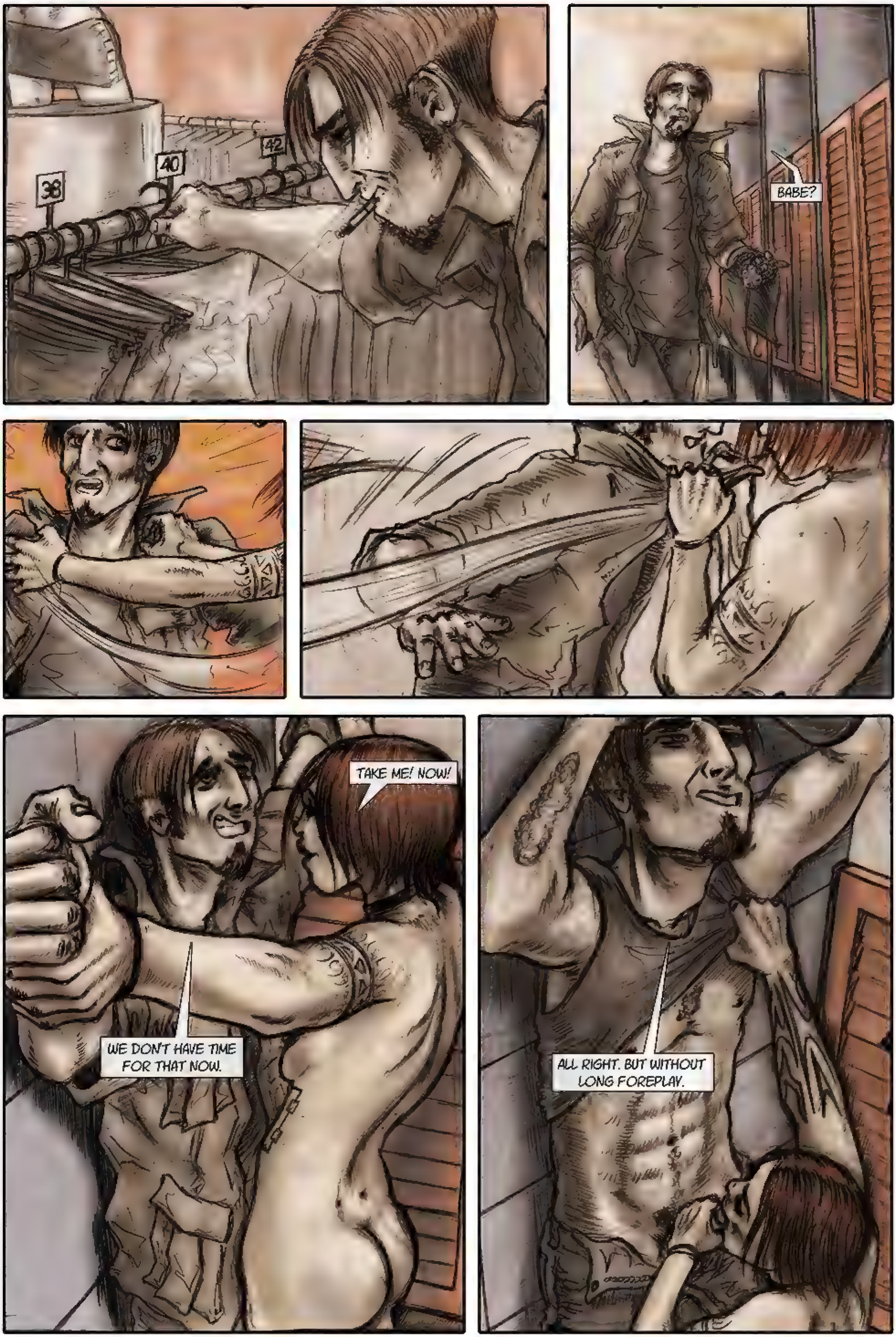

EARLY MORNING, SECURITY SECTOR IV, IN A 24/7 SHOPPING MALL...
ZTV NEWS
THE CAMERA CONTINUED FILMING FOR A SHORT TIME BEFORE IT WAS DESTROYED BY A MUTANT. THE RESCUE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY SURVIVORS. THE NUCLEAR MINISTER, HOWEVER, DENIED ANY CONNECTION...
IS THIS SERIOUSLY SUPPOSED TO BE REAL NEWS? NEVER MIND. - DODO?
IN A MINUTE, HANDSOME. WILL YOU GET ME A SIZE SMALLER FIRST?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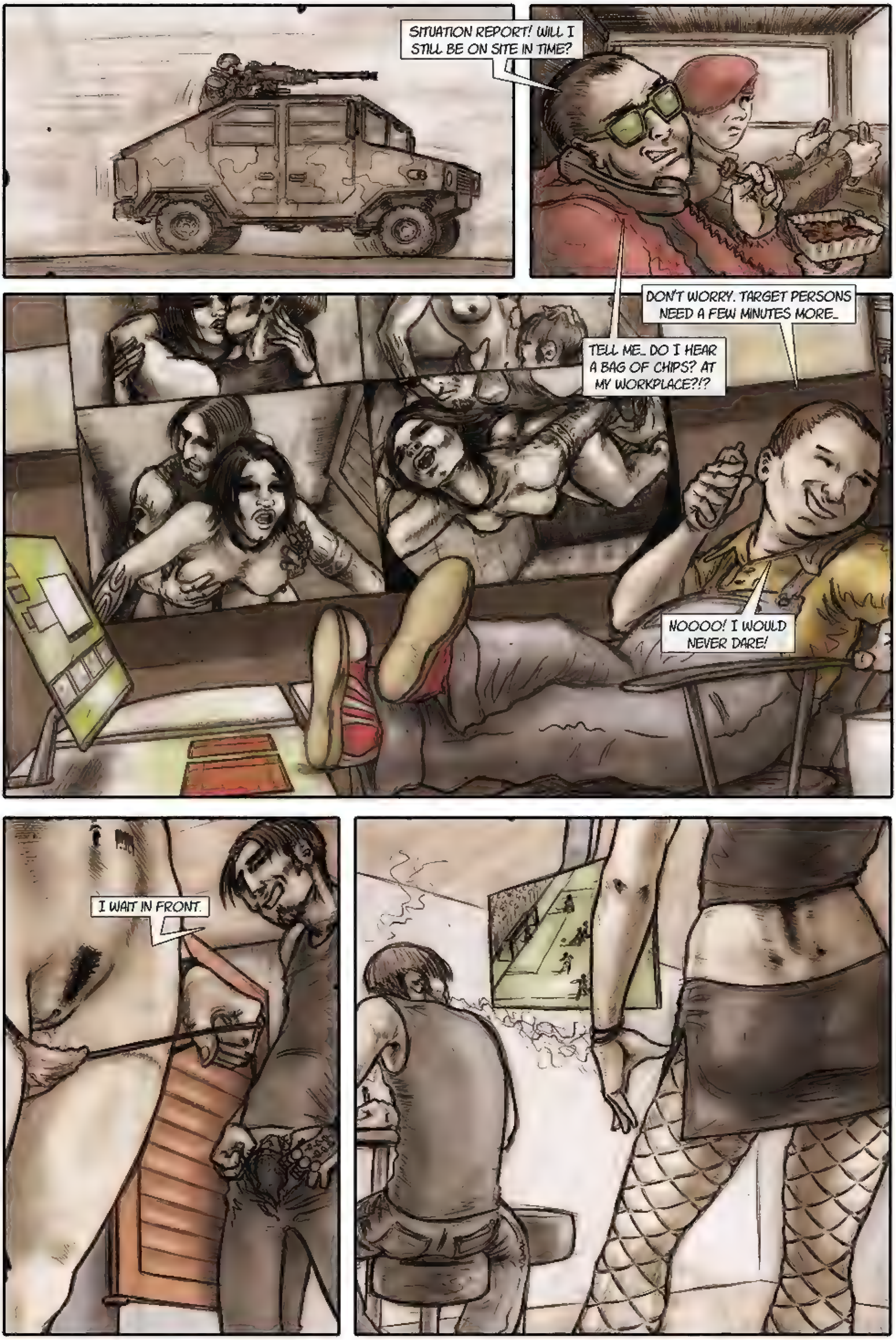
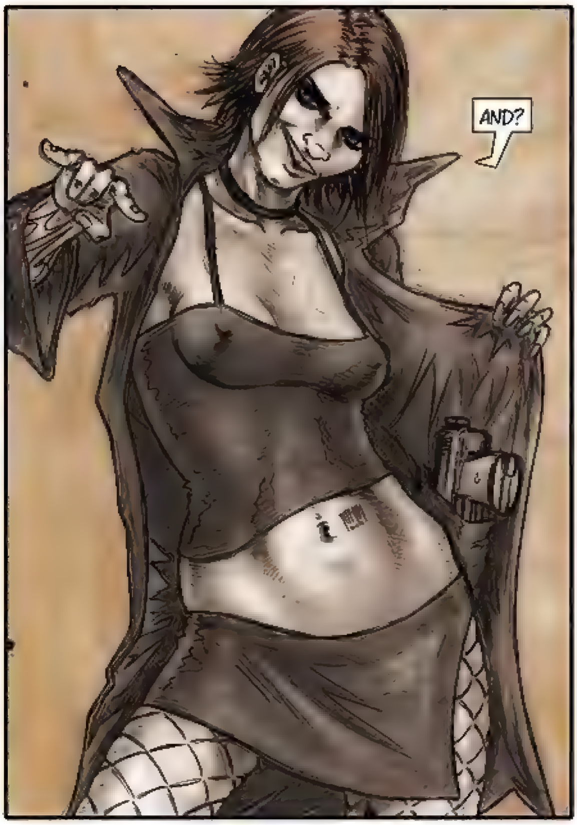
BABE?
TAKE ME! NOW!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT NOW.
ALL RIGHT. BUT WITHOUT LONG FOREPLAY.


SITUATION REPORT! WILL I STILL BE ON SITE IN TIME?
DON'T WORRY. TARGET PERSONS NEED A FEW MINUTES MORE...
TELL ME... DO I HEAR A BAG OF CHIPS? AT MY WORKPLACE?!?
NOOOO! I WOULD NEVER DARE!
I WAIT IN FRONT.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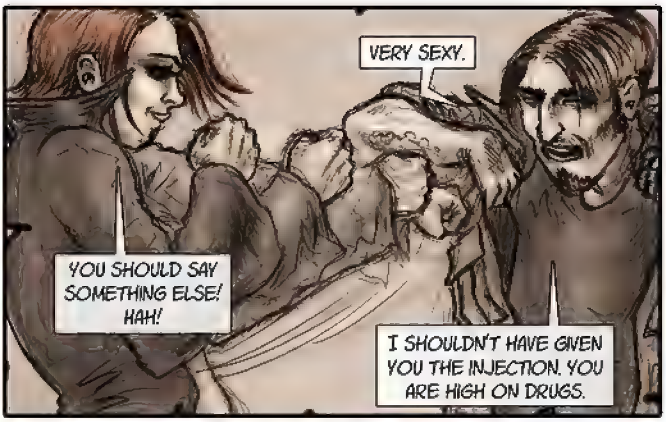
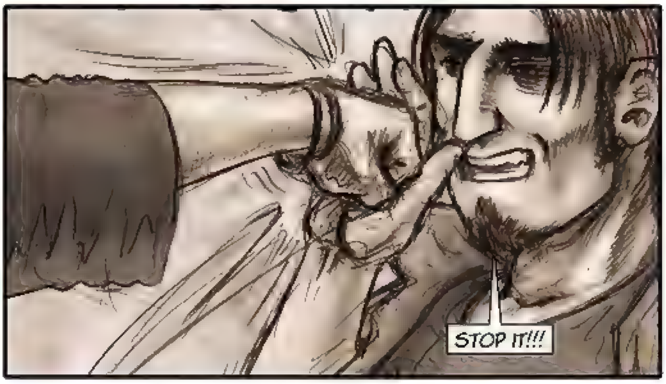
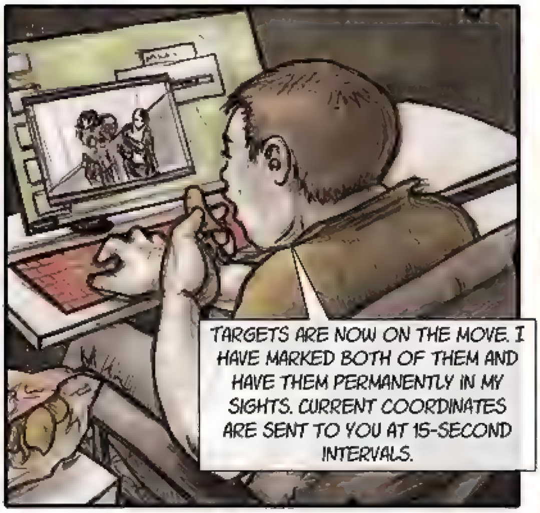
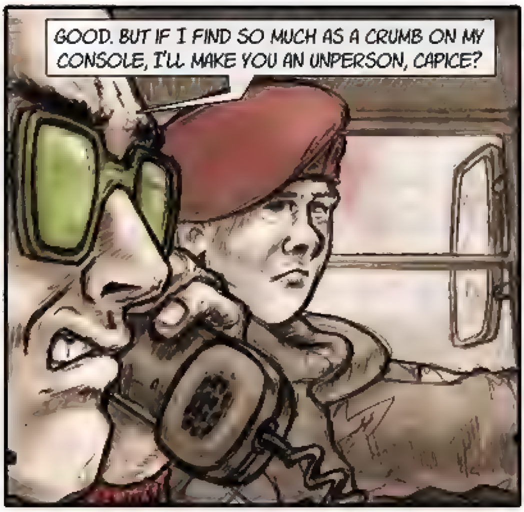
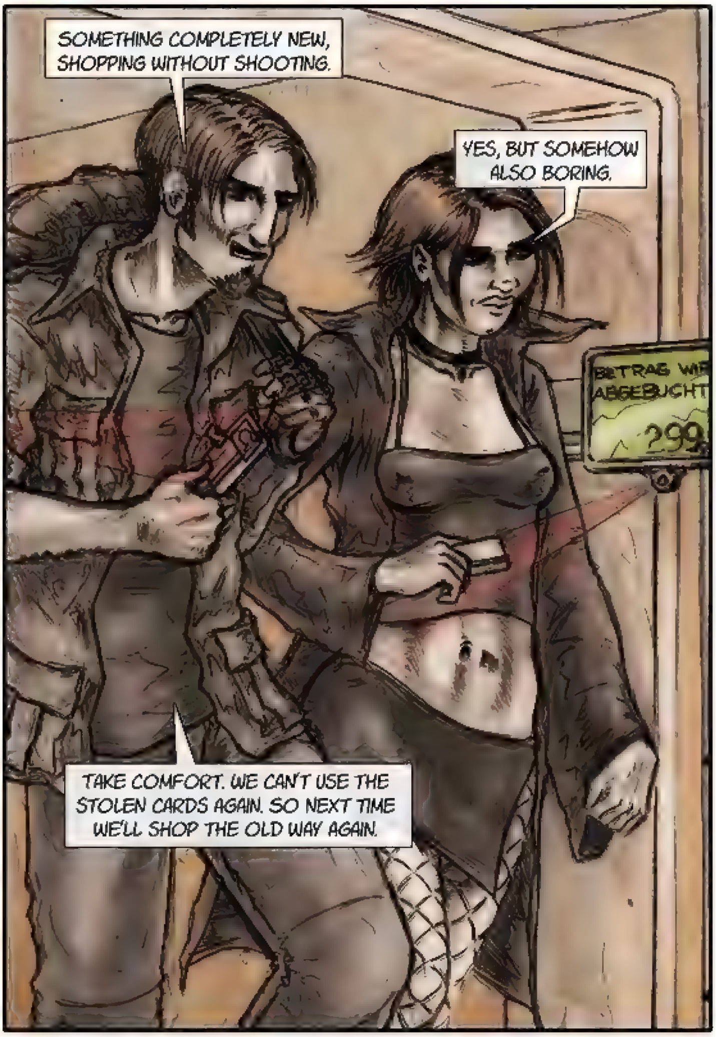

VERY SEXY.
YOU SHOULD SAY SOMETHING ELSE! HAH!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN YOU THE INJECTION. YOU ARE HIGH ON DRUGS.


STOP IT!!!


TARGETS ARE NOW ON THE MOVE. I HAVE MARKED BOTH OF THEM AND HAVE THEM PERMANENTLY IN MY SIGHTS. CURRENT COORDINATES ARE SENT TO YOU AT 15-SECOND INTERVALS.


GOOD. BUT IF I FIND SO MUCH AS A CRUMB ON MY CONSOLE, I'LL MAKE YOU AN UNPERSON, CAPICE?


SOMETHING COMPLETELY NEW, SHOPPING WITHOUT SHOOTING.
YES, BUT SOMEHOW ALSO BORING.
BETRAG WI
ABGEBUCHT
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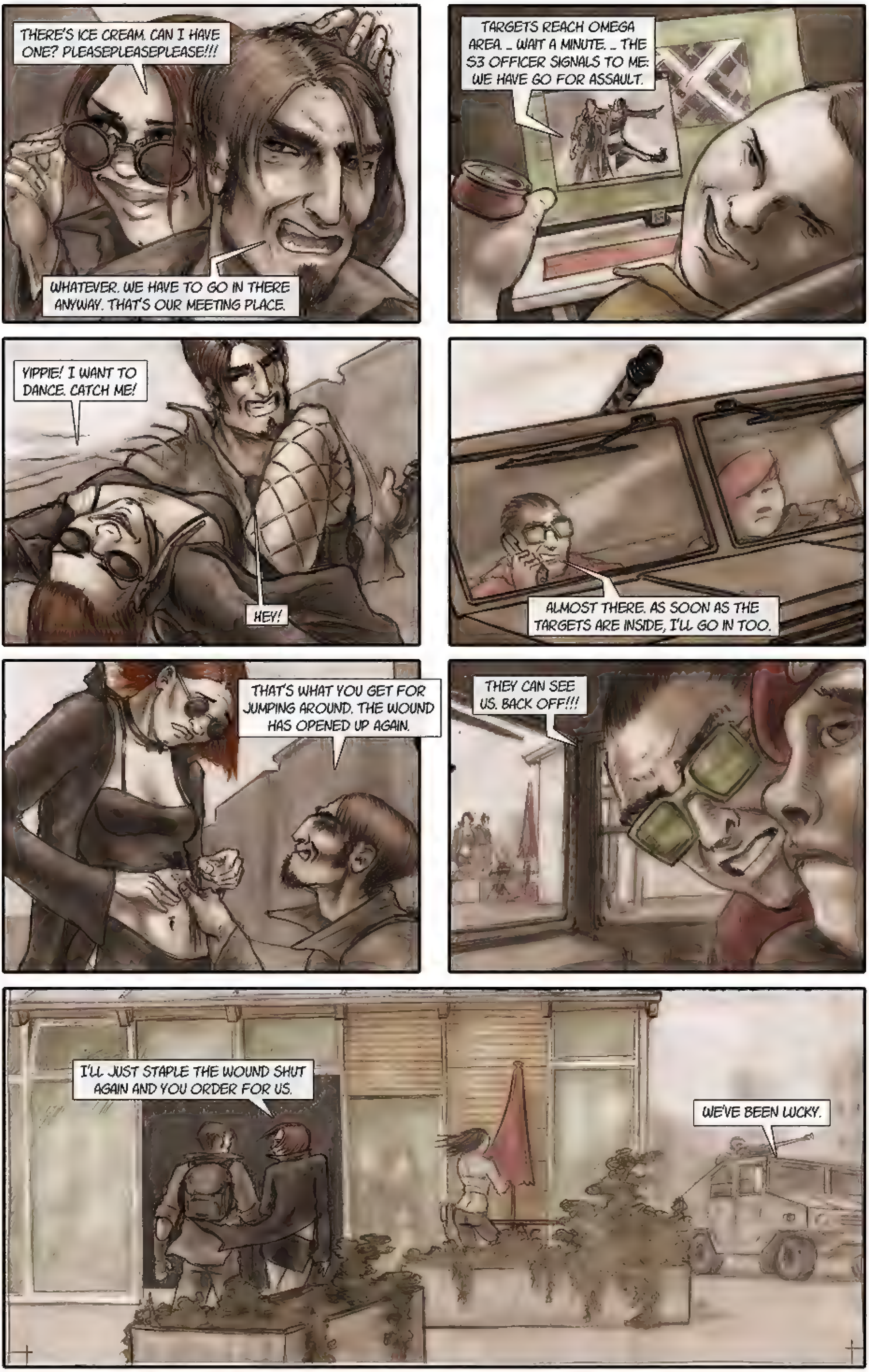
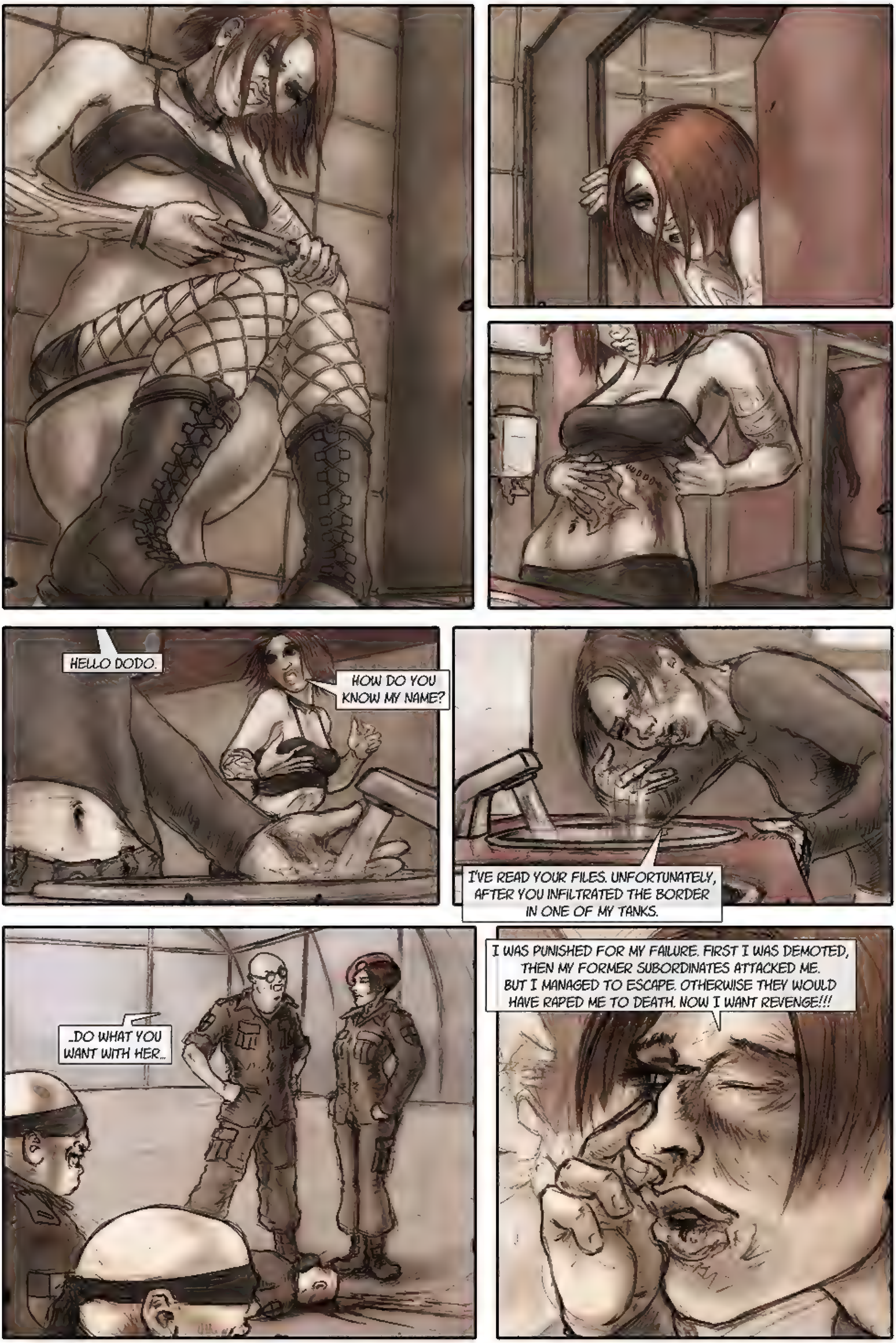
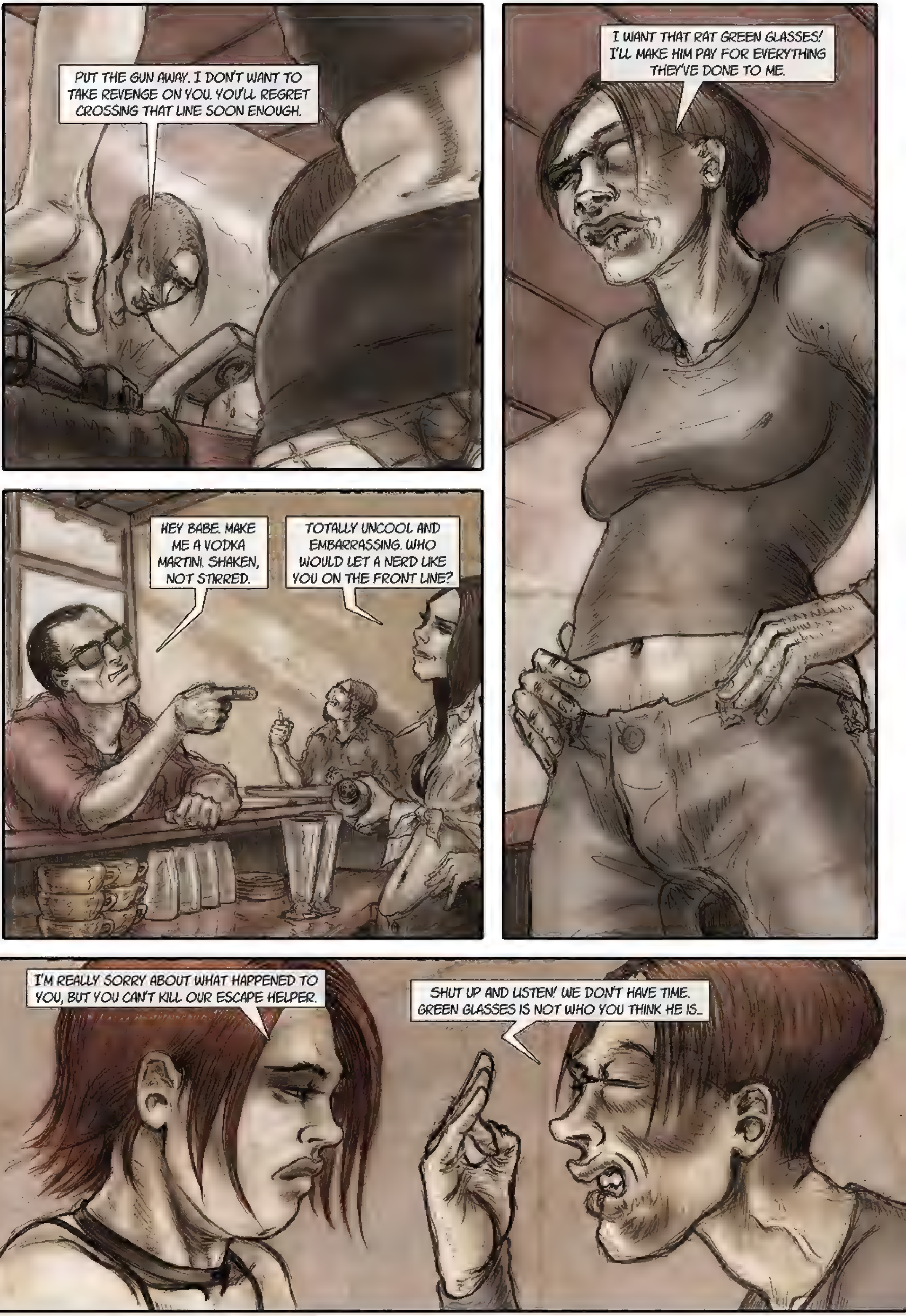
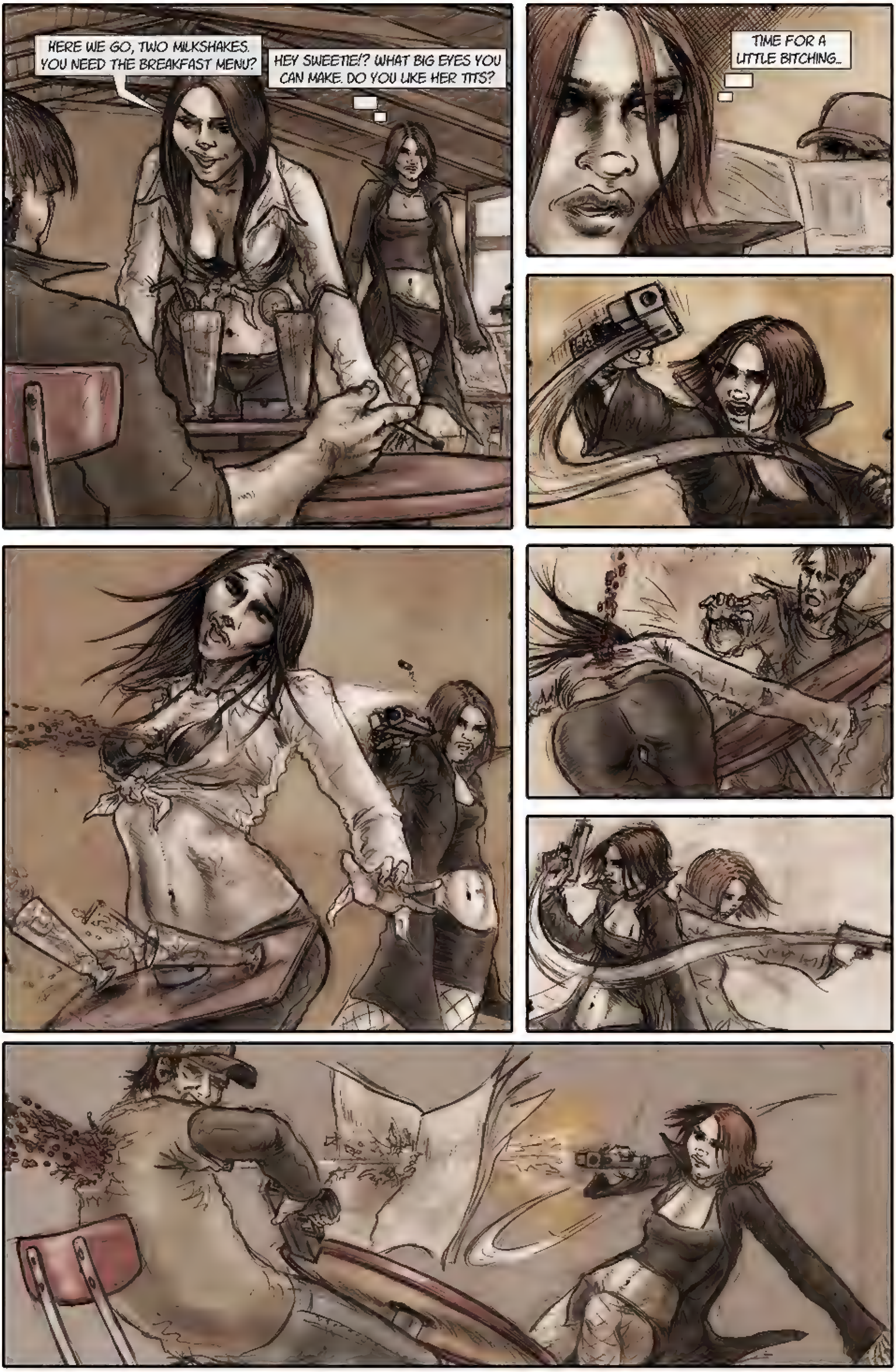
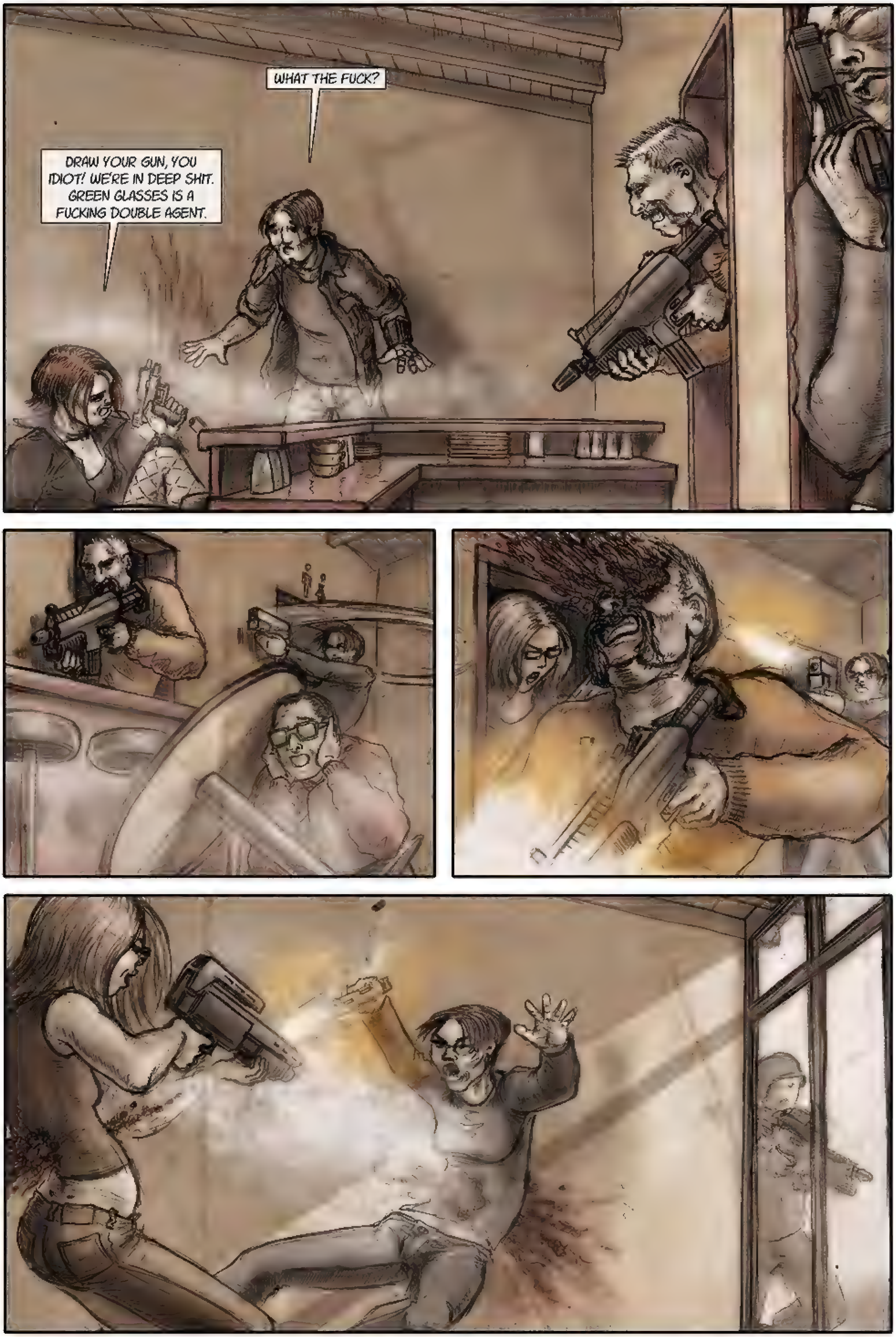
TAKE COMFORT. WE CAN'T USE THE STOLEN CARDS AGAIN. SO NEXT TIME WE'LL SHOP THE OLD WAY AGAIN.

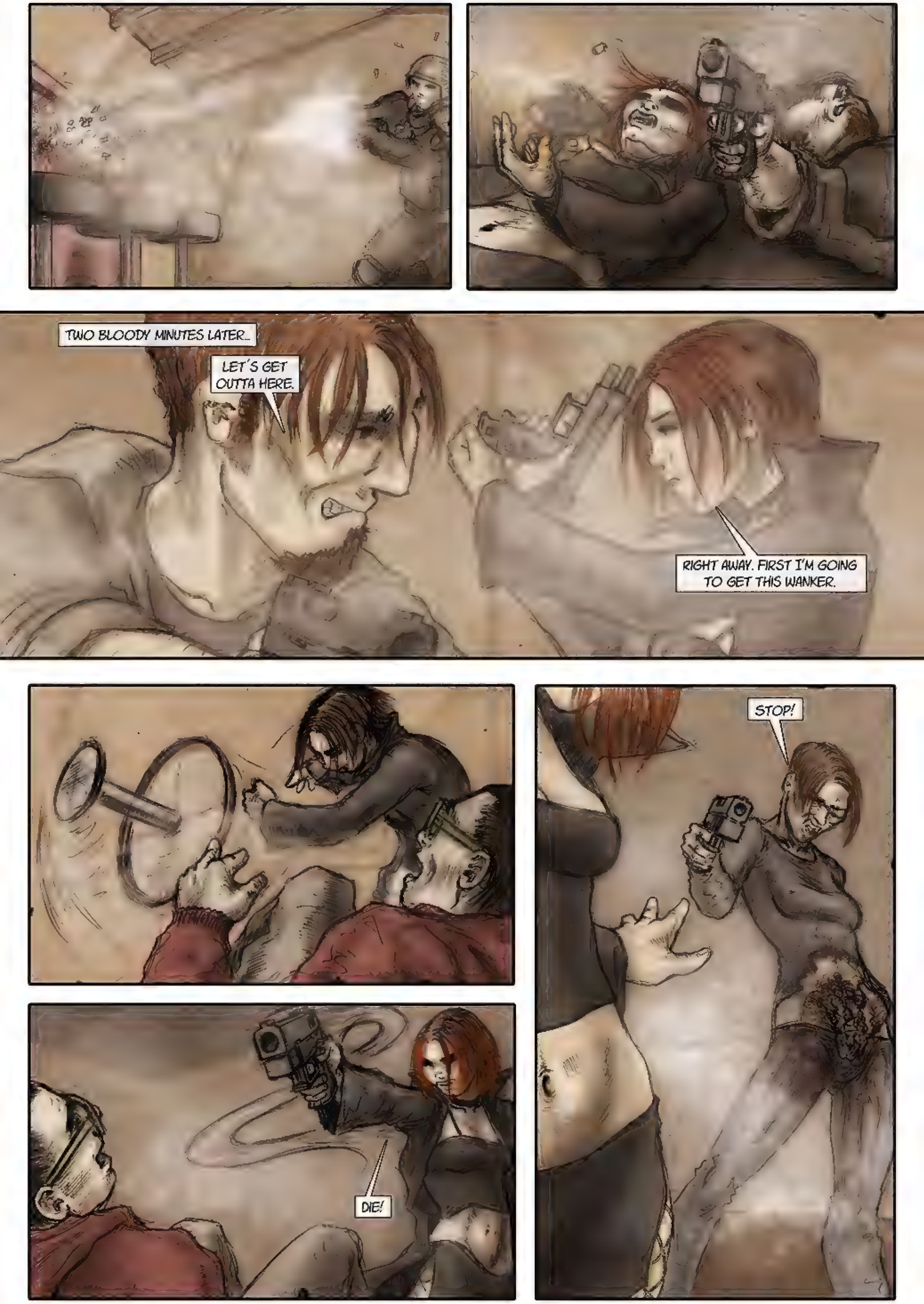

THERE'S ICE CREAM. CAN I HAVE ONE? PLEASEPLEASEPLEASE!!!
WHATEVER. WE HAVE TO GO IN THERE ANYWAY. THAT'S OUR MEETING PLACE.
TARGETS REACH OMEGA AREA. .. WAIT A MINUTE. .. THE S3 OFFICER SIGNALS TO ME: WE HAVE GO FOR ASSAULT.
YIPPIE! I WANT TO DANCE. CATCH ME!
HEY!
ALMOST THERE. AS SOON AS THE TARGETS ARE INSIDE, I'LL GO IN TOO.
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR JUMPING AROUND. THE WOUND HAS OPENED UP AGAIN.
THEY CAN SEE US. BACK OFF!!!
I'LL JUST STAPLE THE WOUND SHUT AGAIN AND YOU ORDER FOR US.
WE'VE BEEN LUCKY.

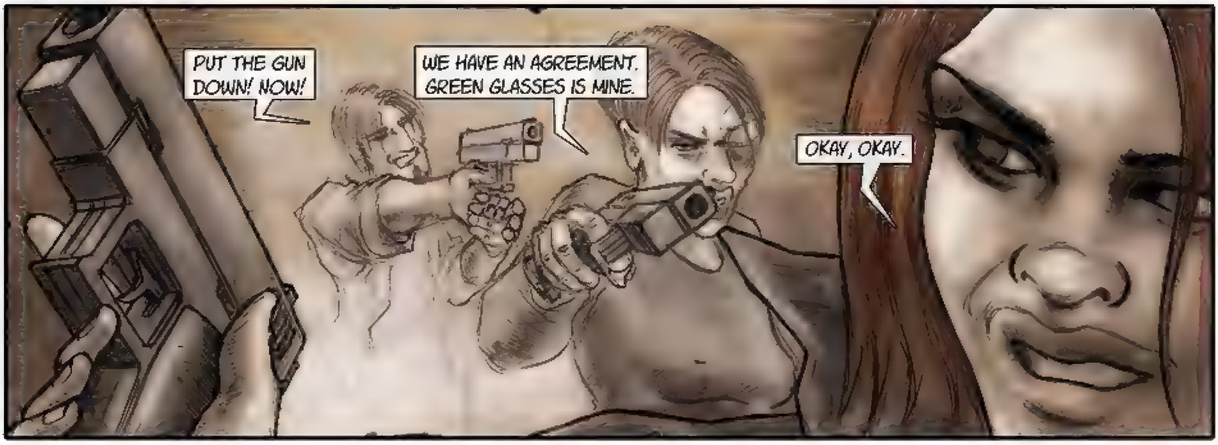

HELLO DODO.
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
I'VE READ YOUR FILES. UNFORTUNATELY, AFTER YOU INFILTRATED THE BORDER IN ONE OF MY TANKS.
..DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH HER..
I WAS PUNISHED FOR MY FAILURE. FIRST I WAS DEMOTED, THEN MY FORMER SUBORDINATES ATTACKED ME. BUT I MANAGED TO ESCAPE. OTHERWISE THEY WOULD HAVE RAPED ME TO DEATH. NOW I WANT REVENGE!!!

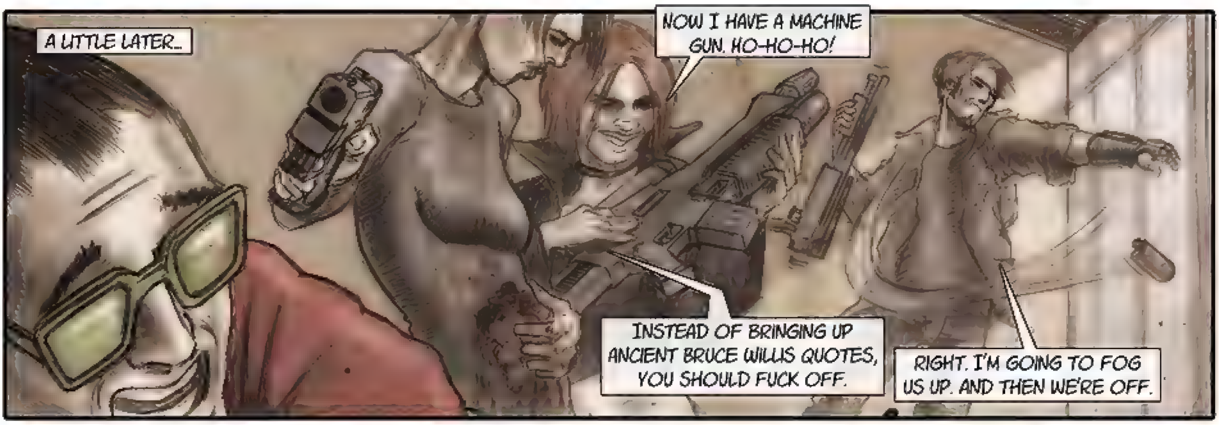

PUT THE GUN AWAY. I DON'T WANT TO TAKE REVENGE ON YOU. YOU'LL REGRET CROSSING THAT LINE SOON ENOUGH.
HEY BABE. MAKE ME A VODKA MARTINI. SHAKEN, NOT STIRRED.
TOTALLY UNCOOL AND EMBARRASSING. WHO WOULD LET A NERD LIKE YOU ON THE FRONT LINE?
I WANT THAT RAT GREEN GLASSES! I'LL MAKE HIM PAY FOR EVERYTHING THEY'VE DONE TO ME.
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, BUT YOU CAN'T KILL OUR ESCAPE HELPER.
SHUT UP AND LISTEN! WE DON'T HAVE TIME. GREEN GLASSES IS NOT WHO YOU THINK HE IS...

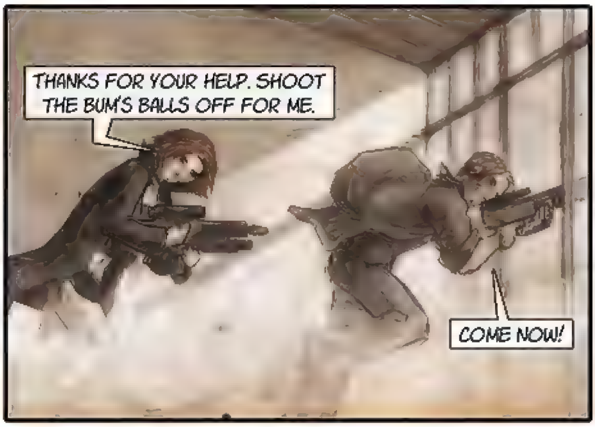

HERE WE GO, TWO MILKSHAKES. YOU NEED THE BREAKFAST MENU?
HEY SWEETIE!? WHAT BIG EYES YOU CAN MAKE. DO YOU LIKE HER TITS?
TIME FOR A LITTLE BITCHING..

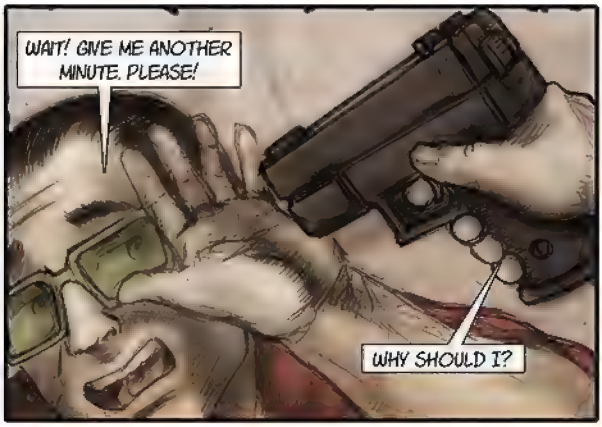

DRAW YOUR GUN, YOU IDIOT! WE'RE IN DEEP SHIT. GREEN GLASSES IS A FUCKING DOUBLE AGENT.
WHAT THE FUCK?

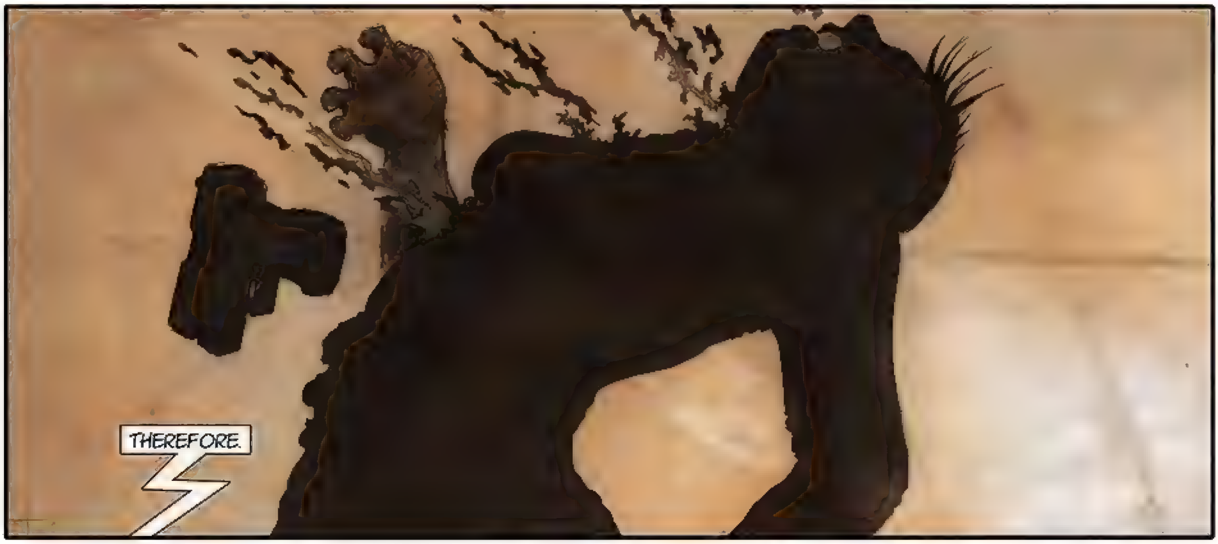

TWO BLOODY MINUTES LATER...
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE.
RIGHT AWAY. FIRST I'M GOING TO GET THIS WANKER.
DIE!
STOP!


PUT THE GUN DOWN! NOW!
WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT. GREEN GLASSES IS MINE.
OKAY, OKAY.


A LITTLE LATER...
NOW I HAVE A MACHINE GUN. HO-HO-HO!
INSTEAD OF BRINGING UP ANCIENT BRUCE WILLIS QUOTES, YOU SHOULD FUCK OFF.
RIGHT. I'M GOING TO FOG US UP. AND THEN WE'RE OFF.


THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. SHOOT THE BUM'S BALLS OFF FOR ME.
COME NOW!


WAIT! GIVE ME ANOTHER MINUTE. PLEASE!
WHY SHOULD I?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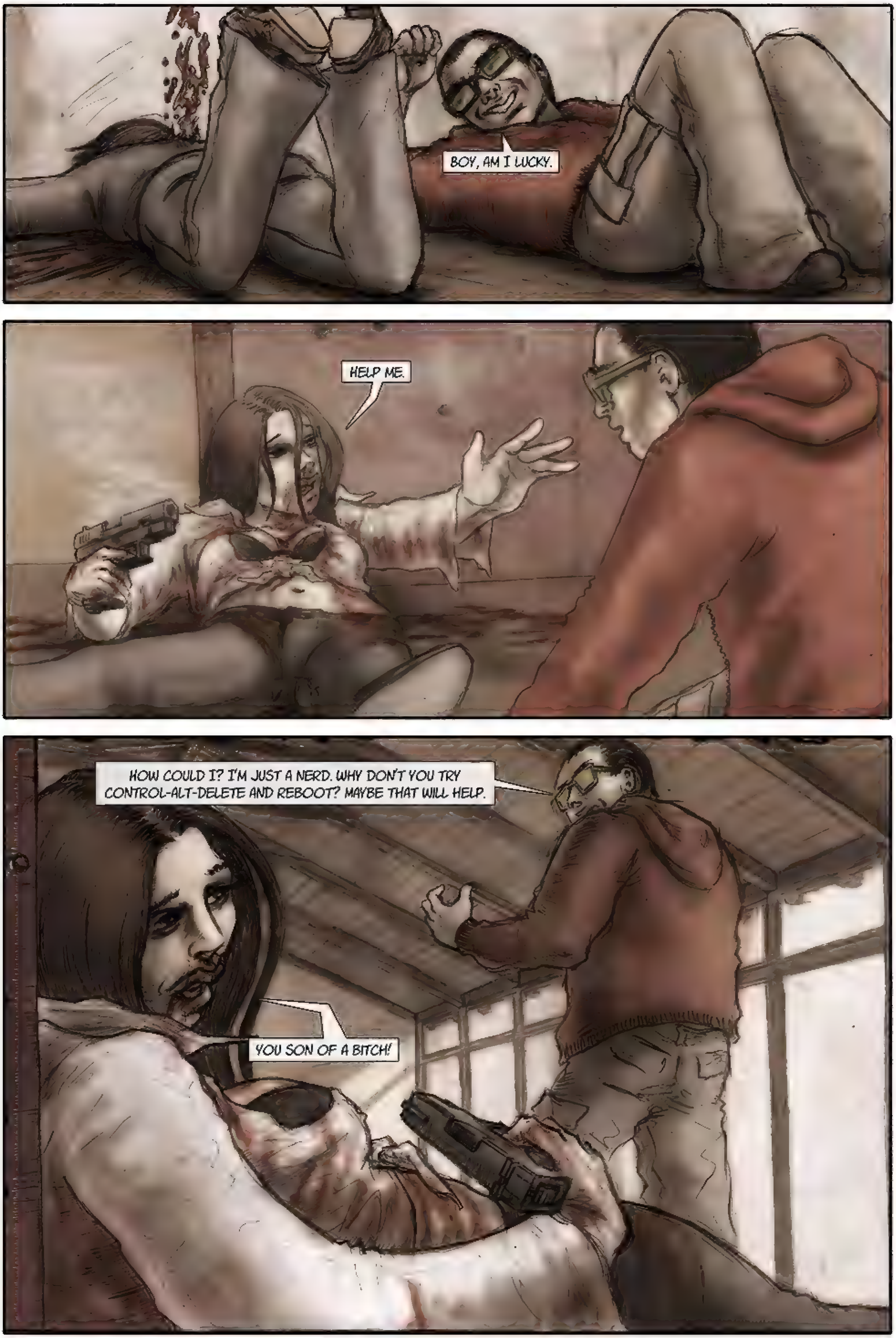
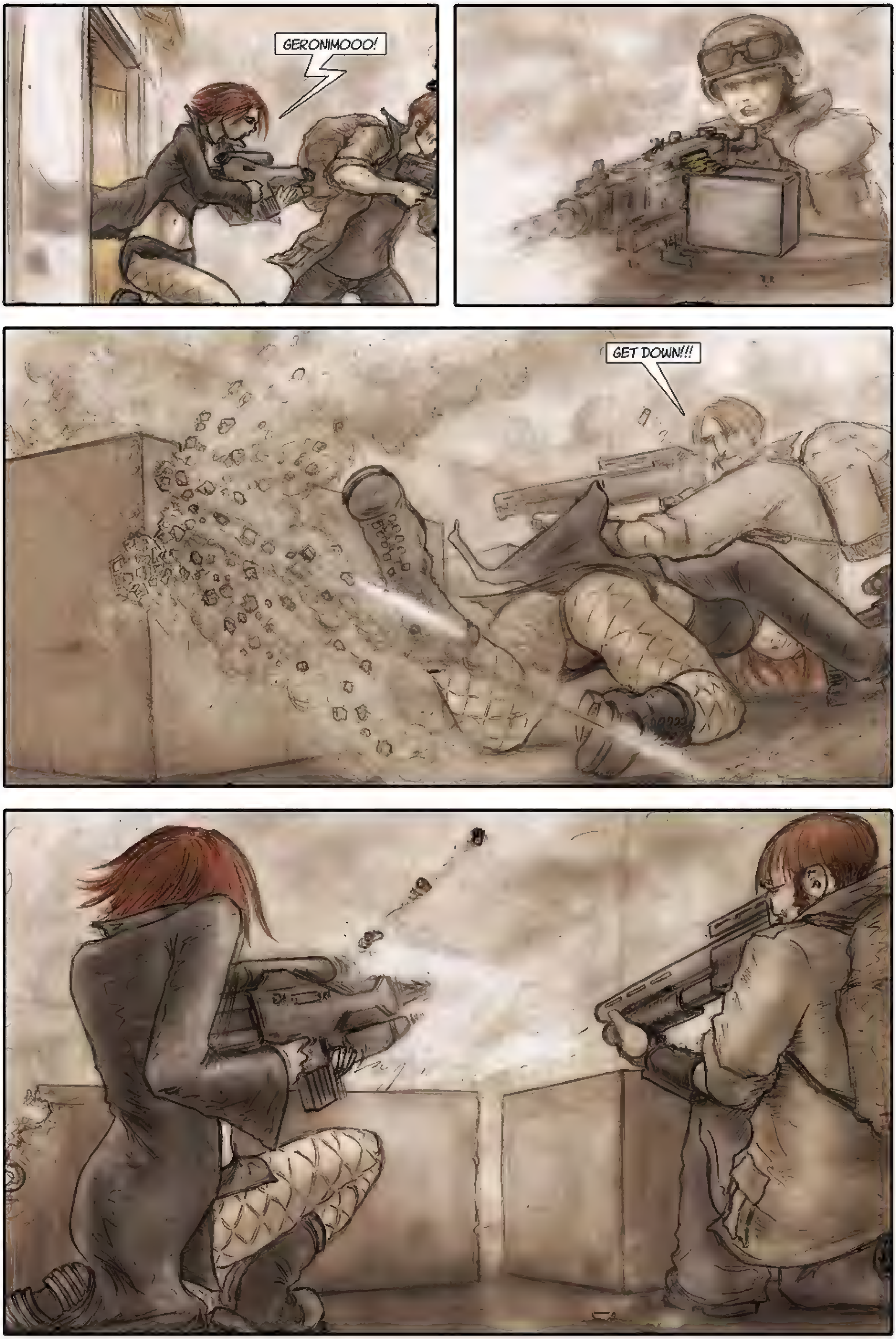
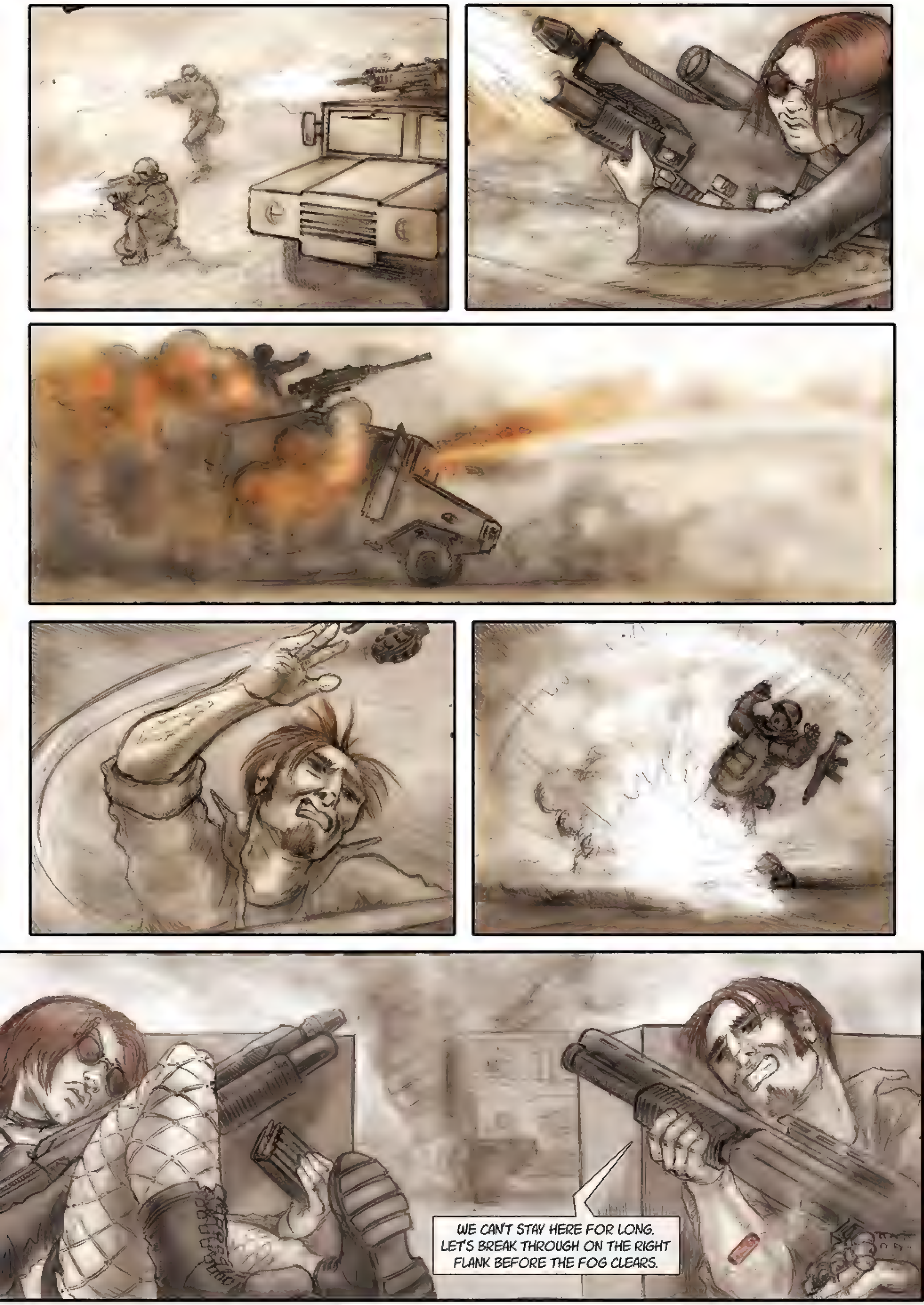
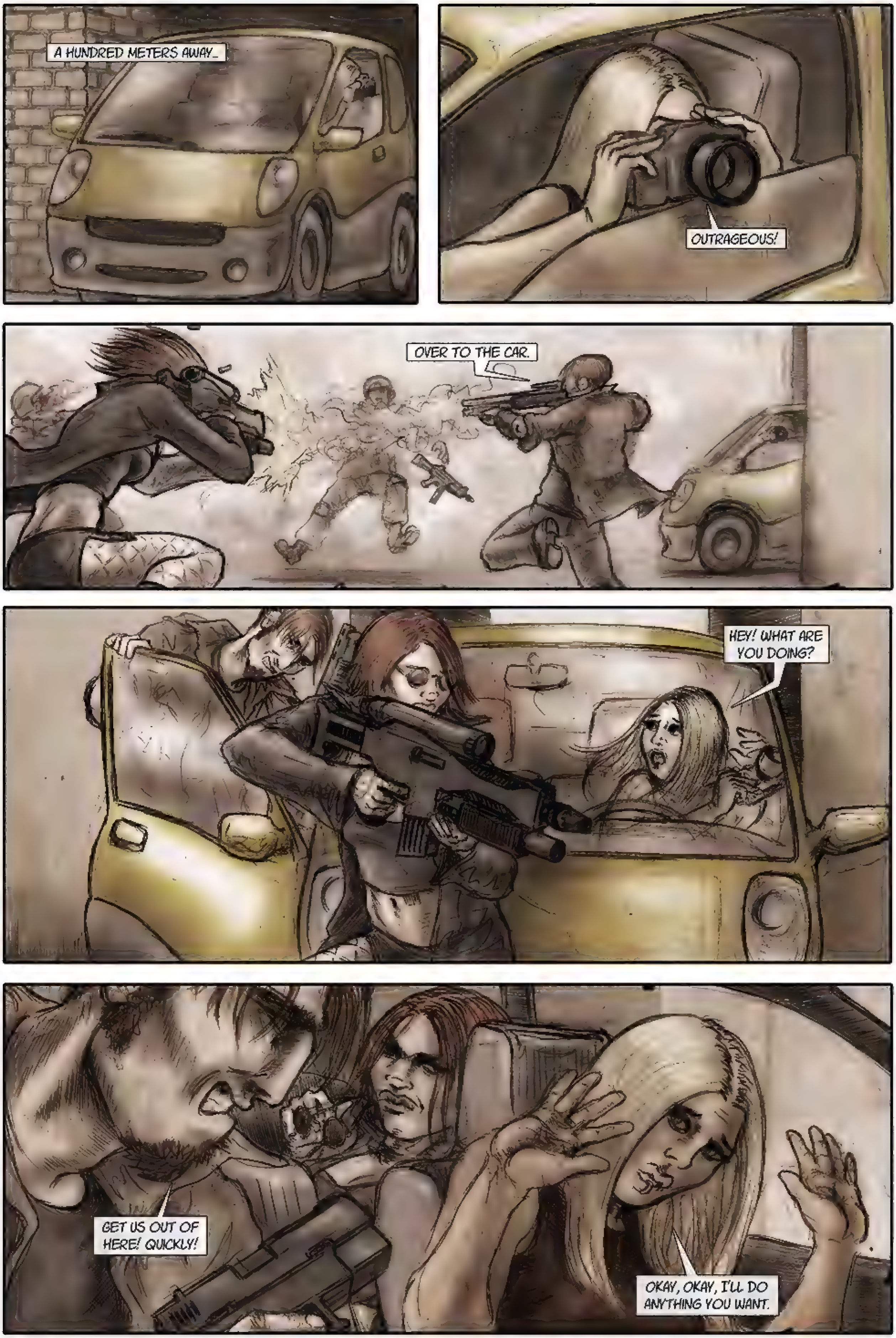
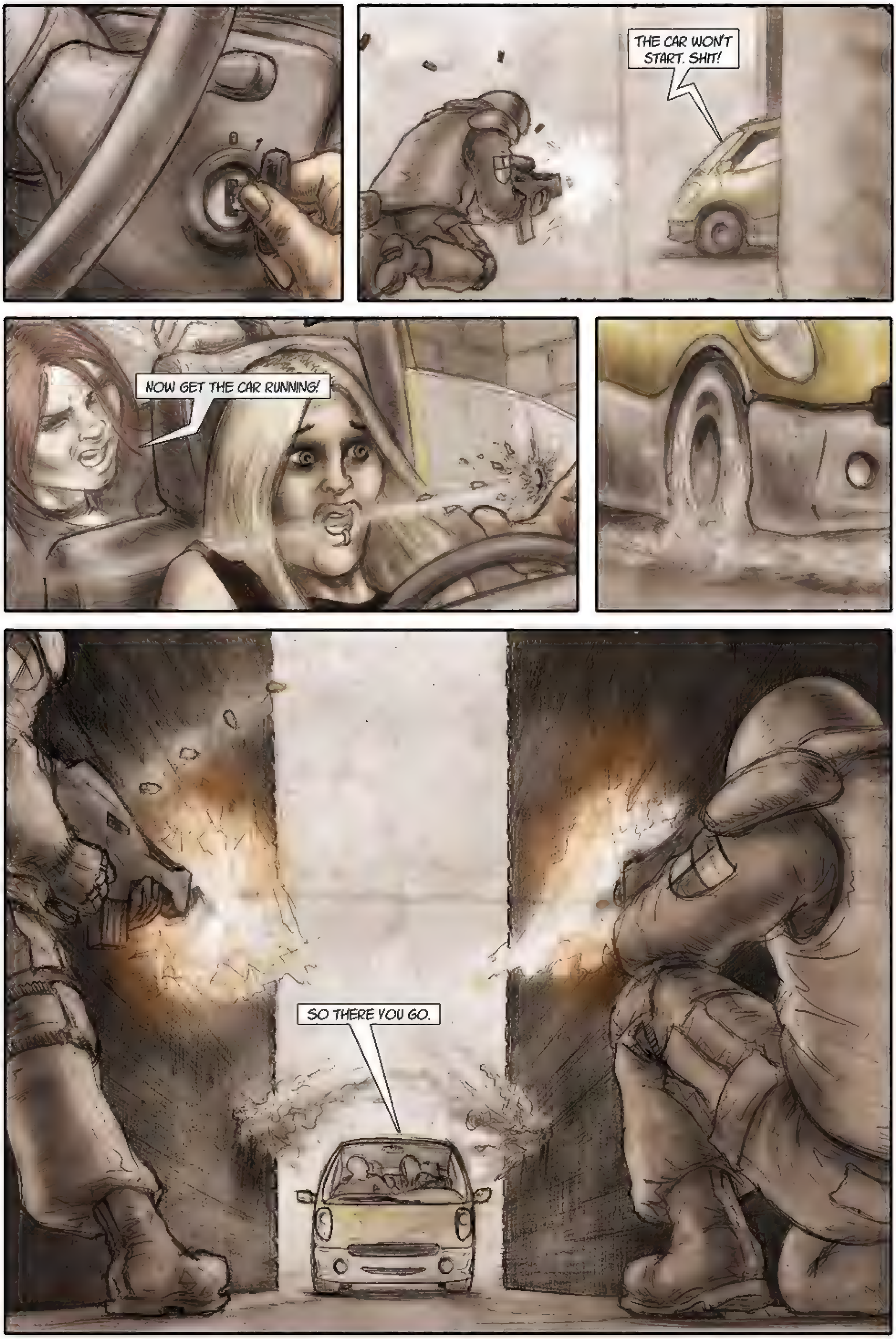
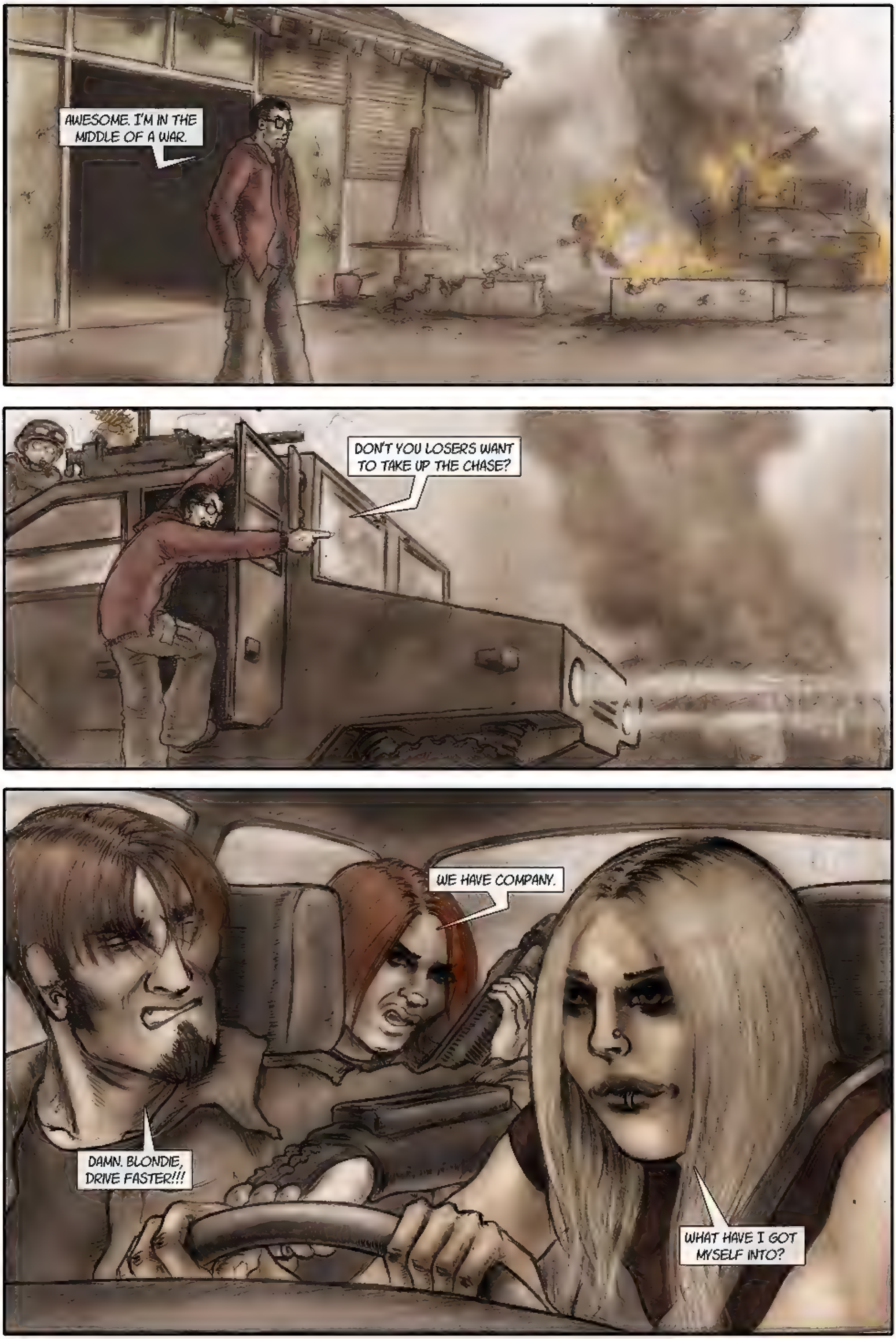

BOY, AM I LUCKY.
HELP ME.
HOW COULD I? I'M JUST A NERD. WHY DON'T YOU TRY CONTROL-ALT-DELETE AND REBOOT? MAYBE THAT WILL HELP.
YOU SON OF A BITCH!

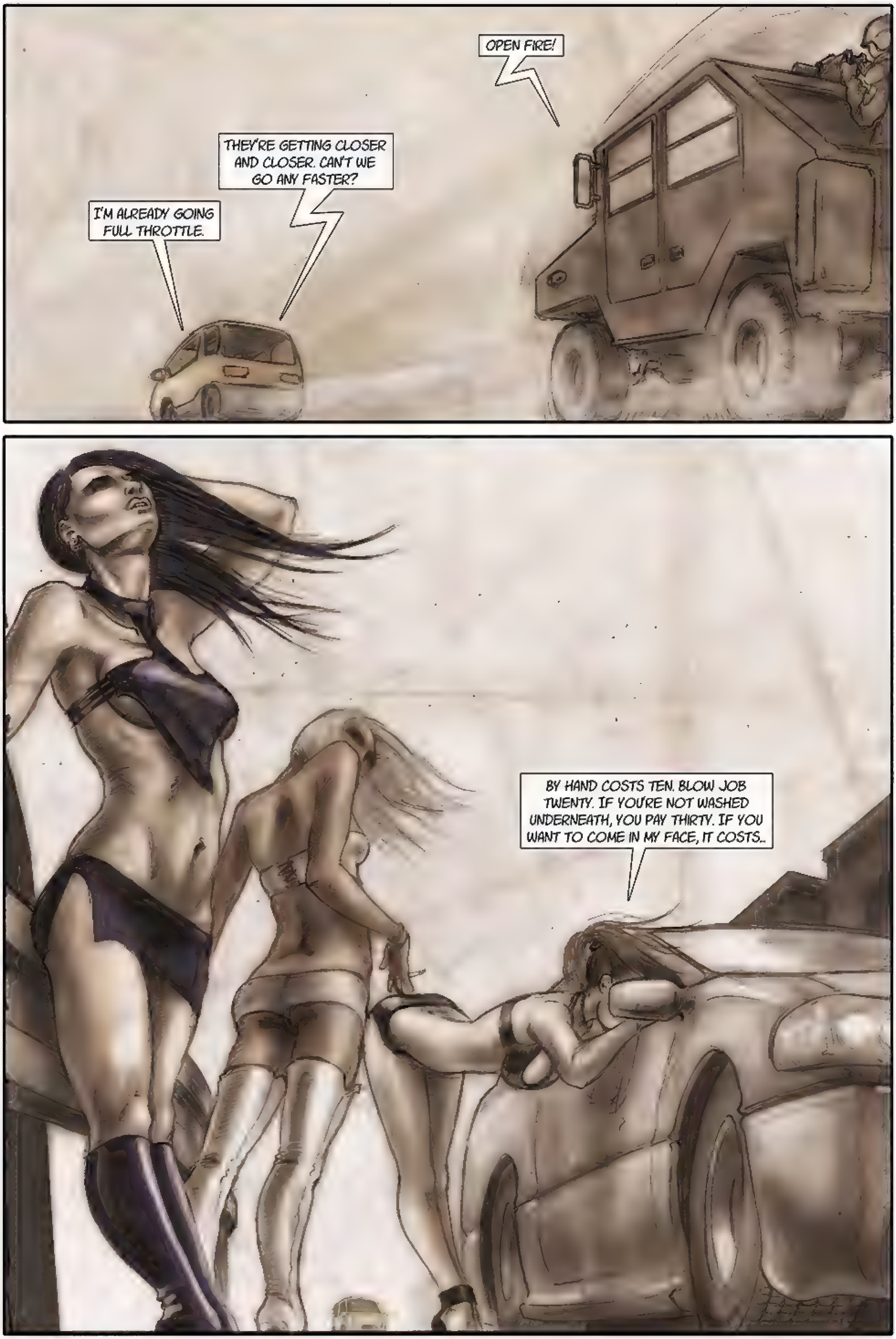

GERONIMOOO!
GET DOWN!!!

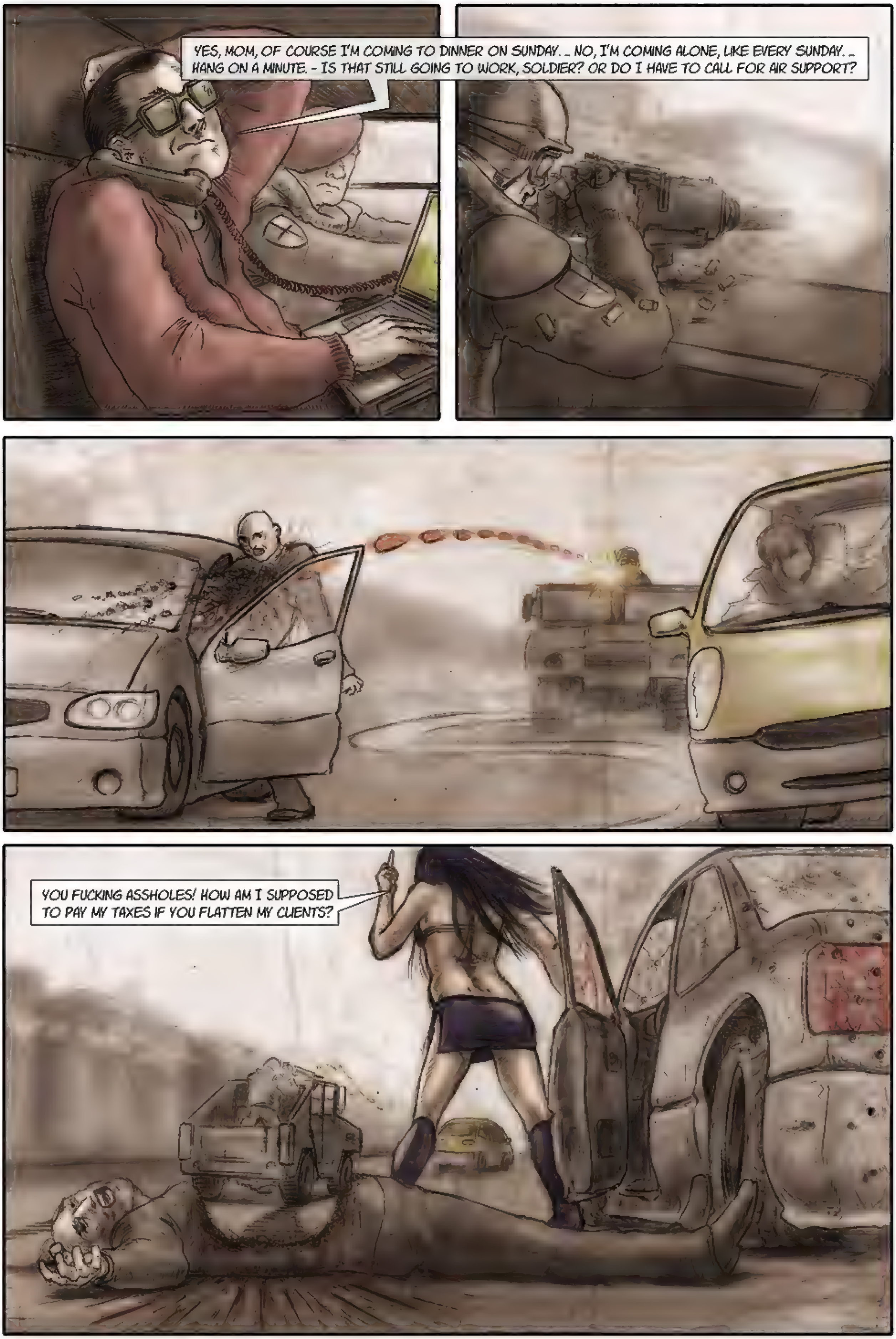

WE CAN'T STAY HERE FOR LONG. LET'S BREAK THROUGH ON THE RIGHT FLANK BEFORE THE FOG CLEARS.

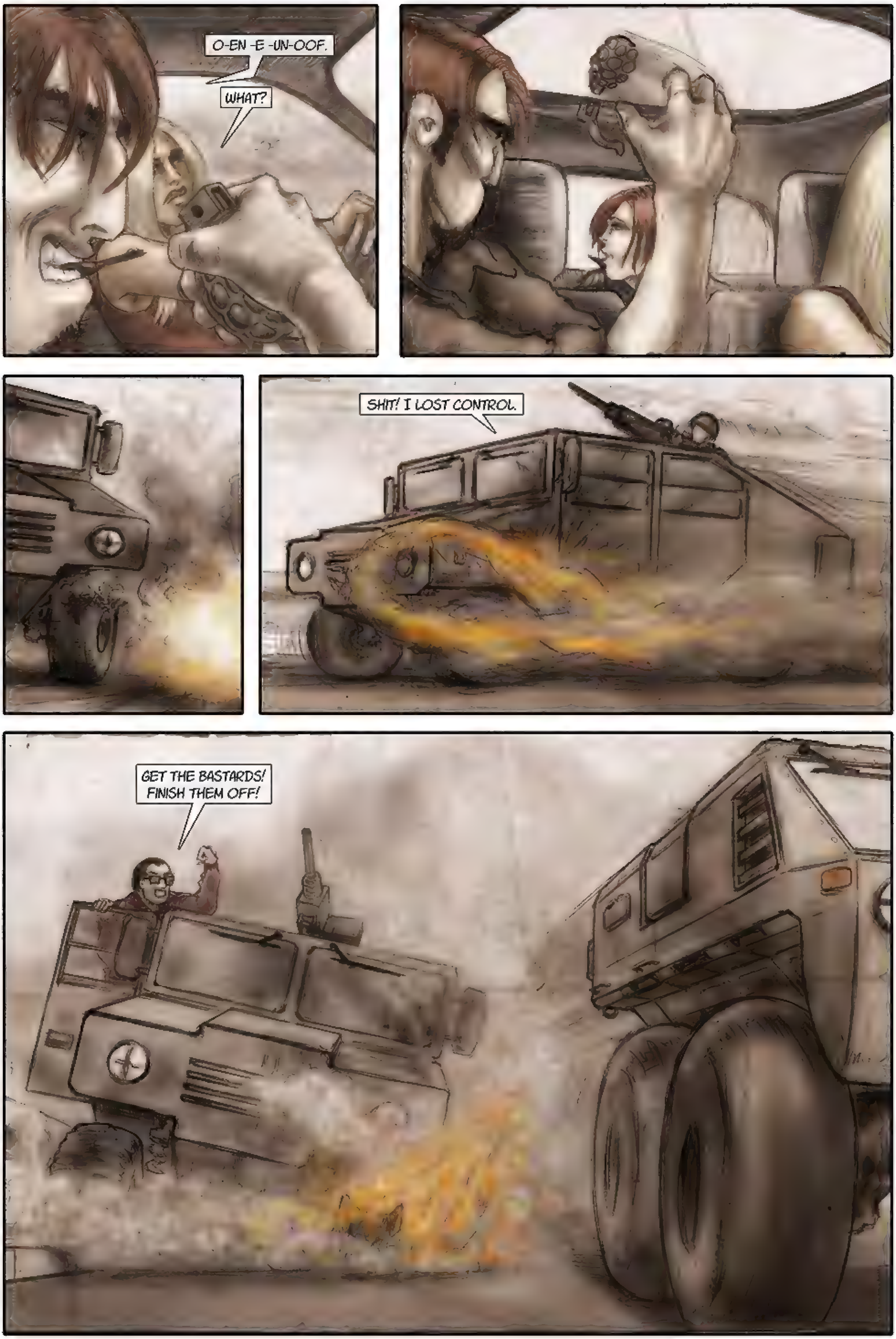

A HUNDRED METERS AWAY…
OUTRAGEOUS!
OVER TO THE CAR.
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GET US OUT OF HERE! QUICKLY!
OKAY, OKAY, I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT.

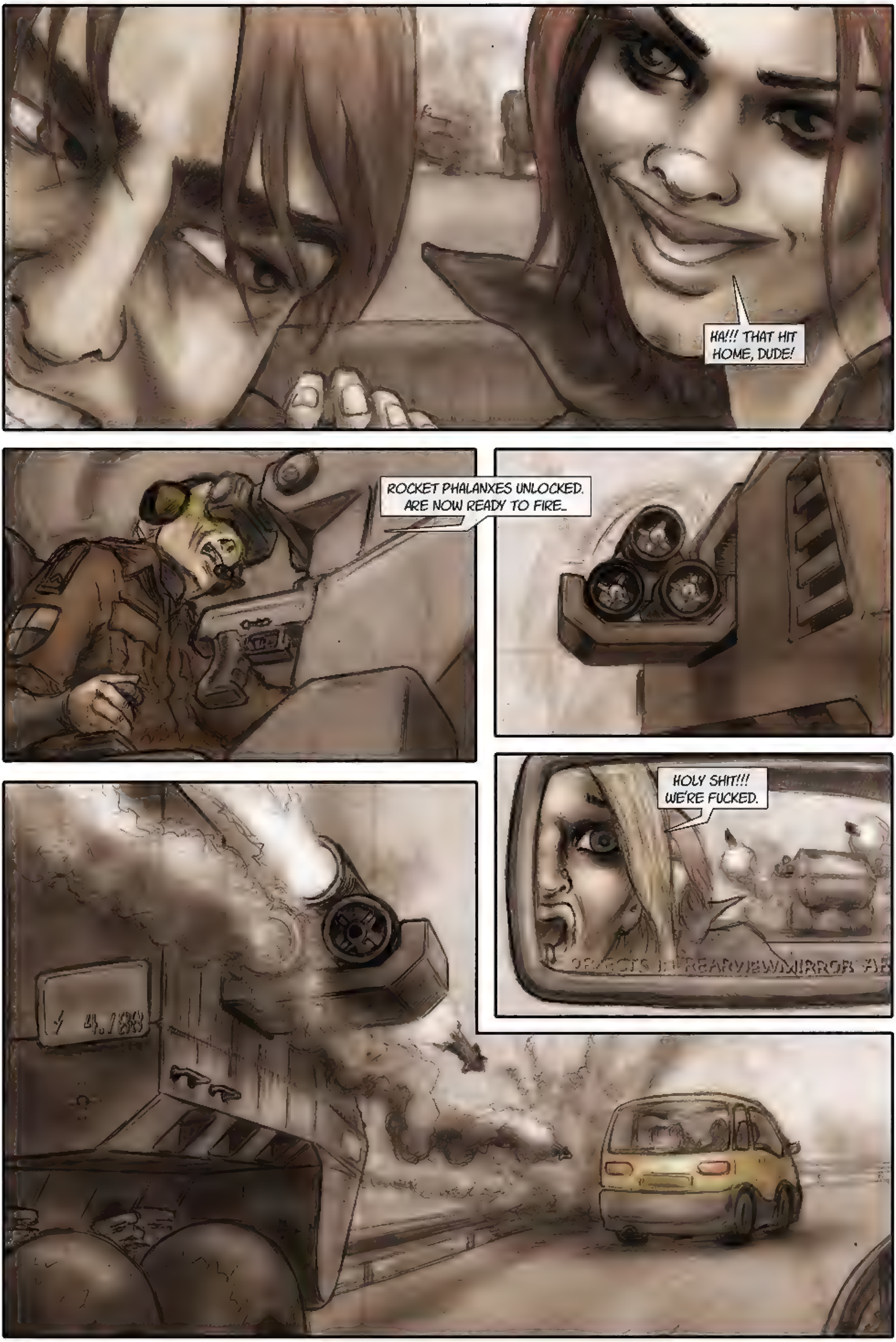

THE CAR WON'T START. SHIT!
NOW GET THE CAR RUNNING!
SO THERE YOU GO.


AWESOME. I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR.
DON'T YOU LOSERS WANT TO TAKE UP THE CHASE?
WE HAVE COMPANY.
DAMN. BLONDIE, DRIVE FASTER!!!
WHAT HAVE I GOT MYSELF INTO?


OPEN FIRE!
THEY'RE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER. CAN'T WE GO ANY FASTER?
I'M ALREADY GOING FULL THROTTLE.
BY HAND COSTS TEN. BLOW JOB TWENTY. IF YOU'RE NOT WASHED UNDERNEATH, YOU PAY THIRTY. IF YOU WANT TO COME IN MY FACE, IT COSTS...


YES, MOM, OF COURSE I'M COMING TO DINNER ON SUNDAY. … NO, I'M COMING ALONE, LIKE EVERY SUNDAY. … HANG ON A MINUTE. - IS THAT STILL GOING TO WORK, SOLDIER? OR DO I HAVE TO CALL FOR AIR SUPPORT?
YOU FUCKING ASSHOLES! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PAY MY TAXES IF YOU FLATTEN MY CLIENTS?


O-EN -E -UN-OOF.
WHAT?
SHIT! I LOST CONTROL.
GET THE BASTARDS! FINISH THEM OFF!


HA!!! THAT HIT HOME, DUDE!
ROCKET PHALANXES UNLOCKED. ARE NOW READY TO FIRE...
HOLY SHIT!!! WE'RE FUCKED.
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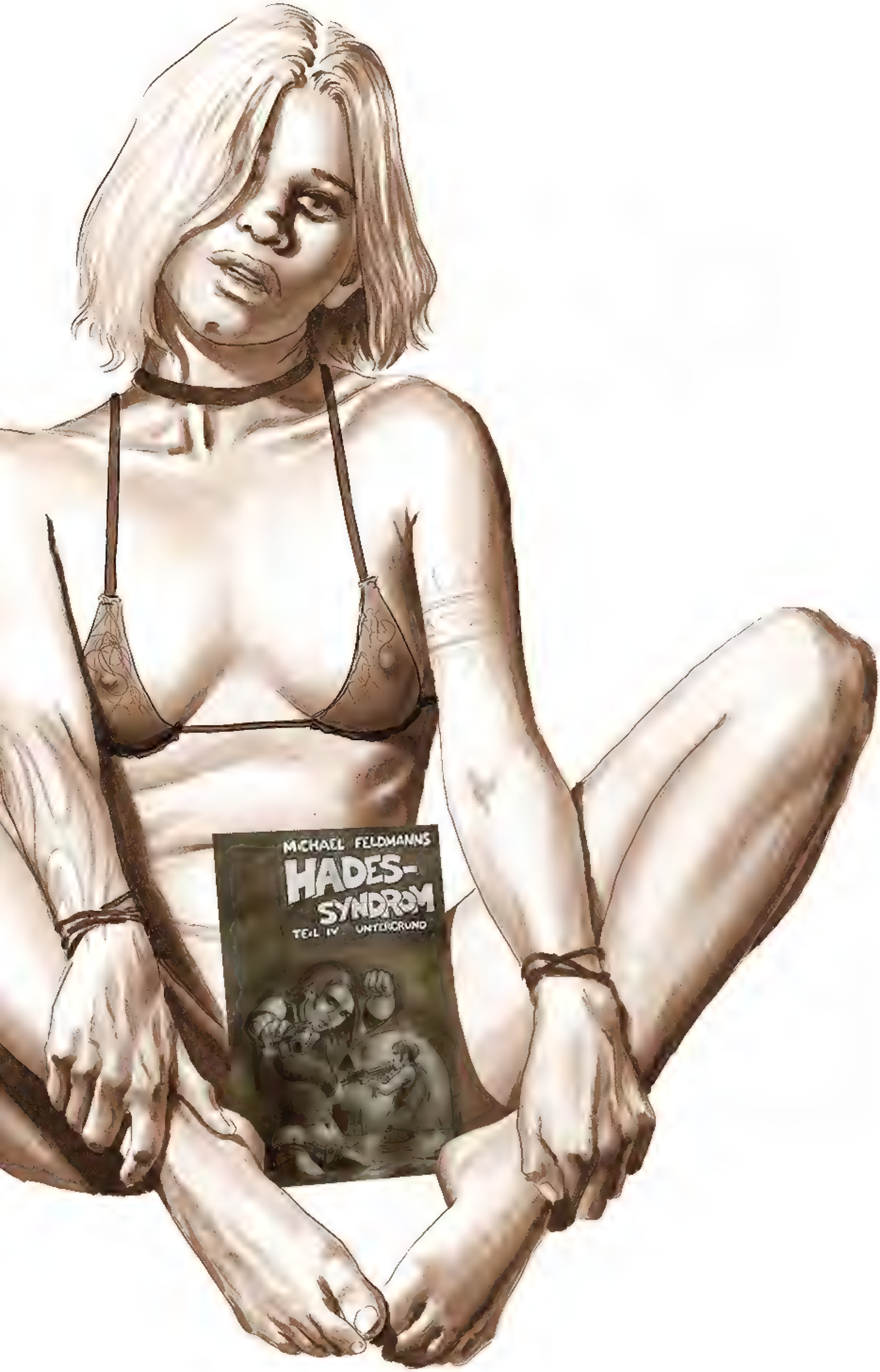
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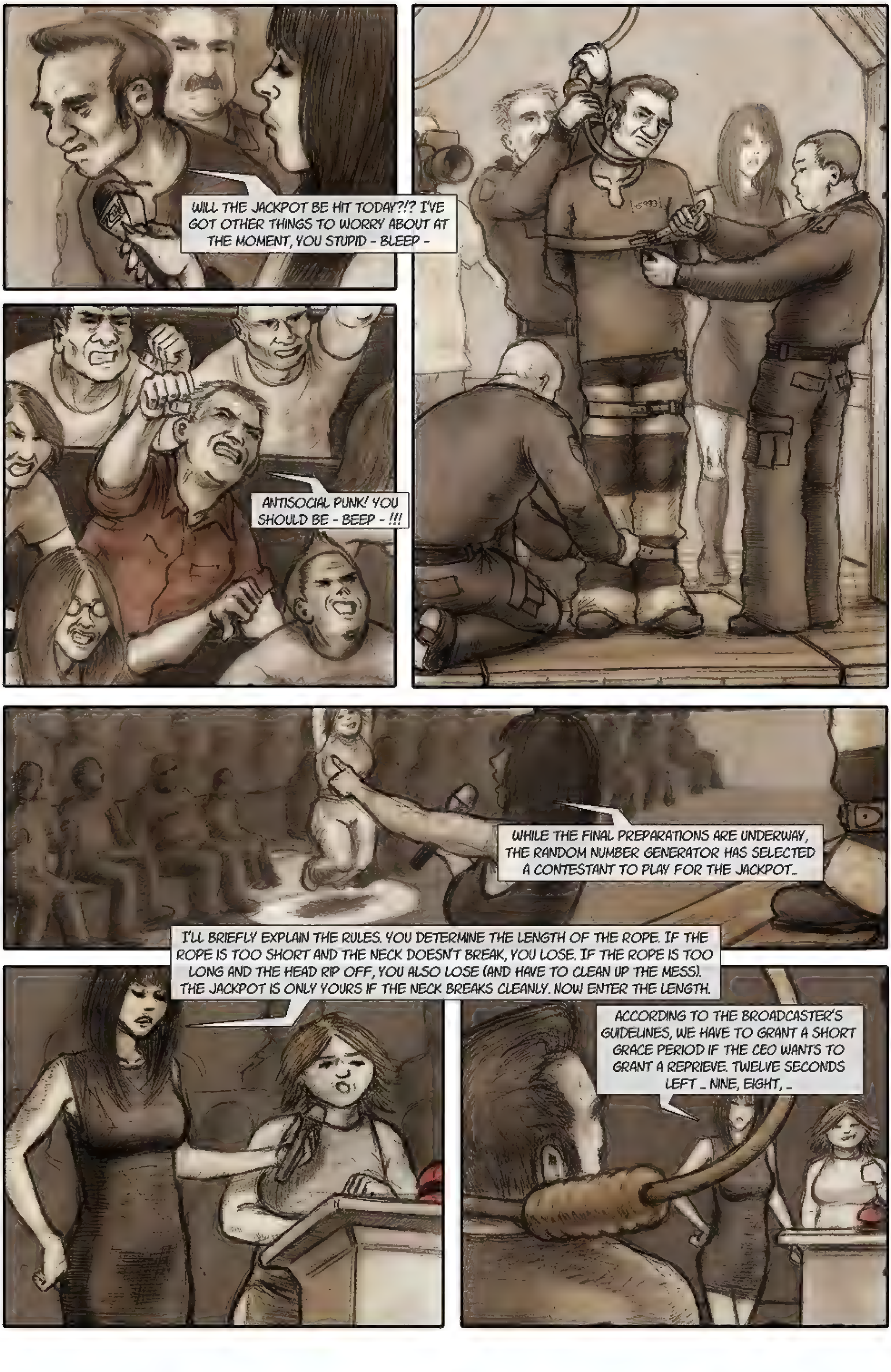
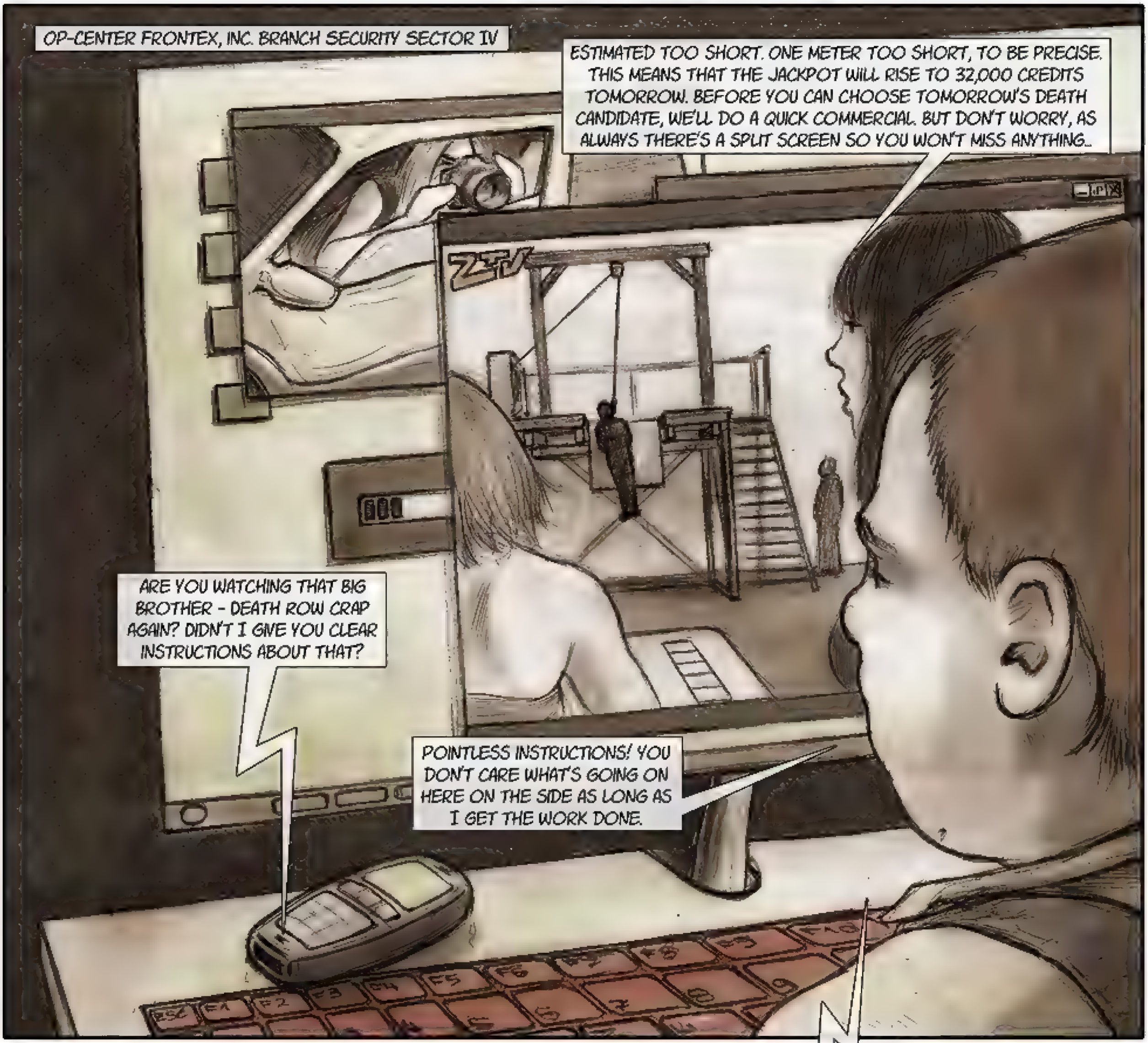
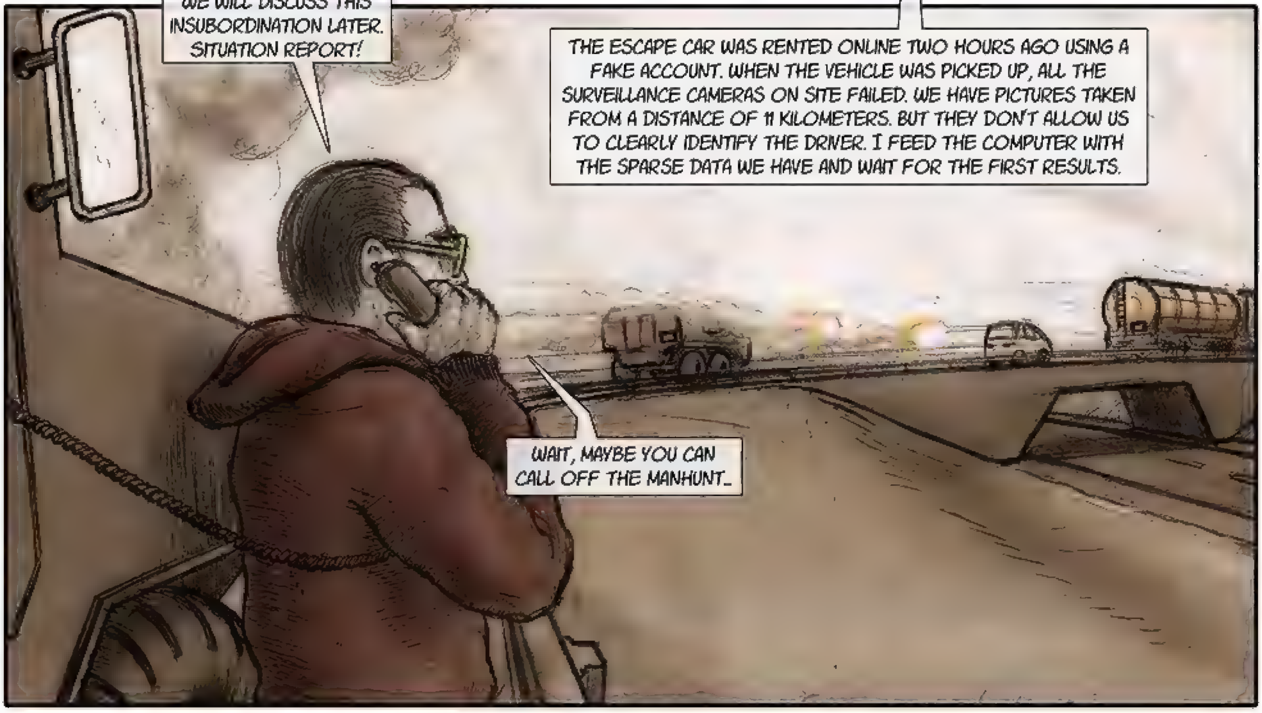
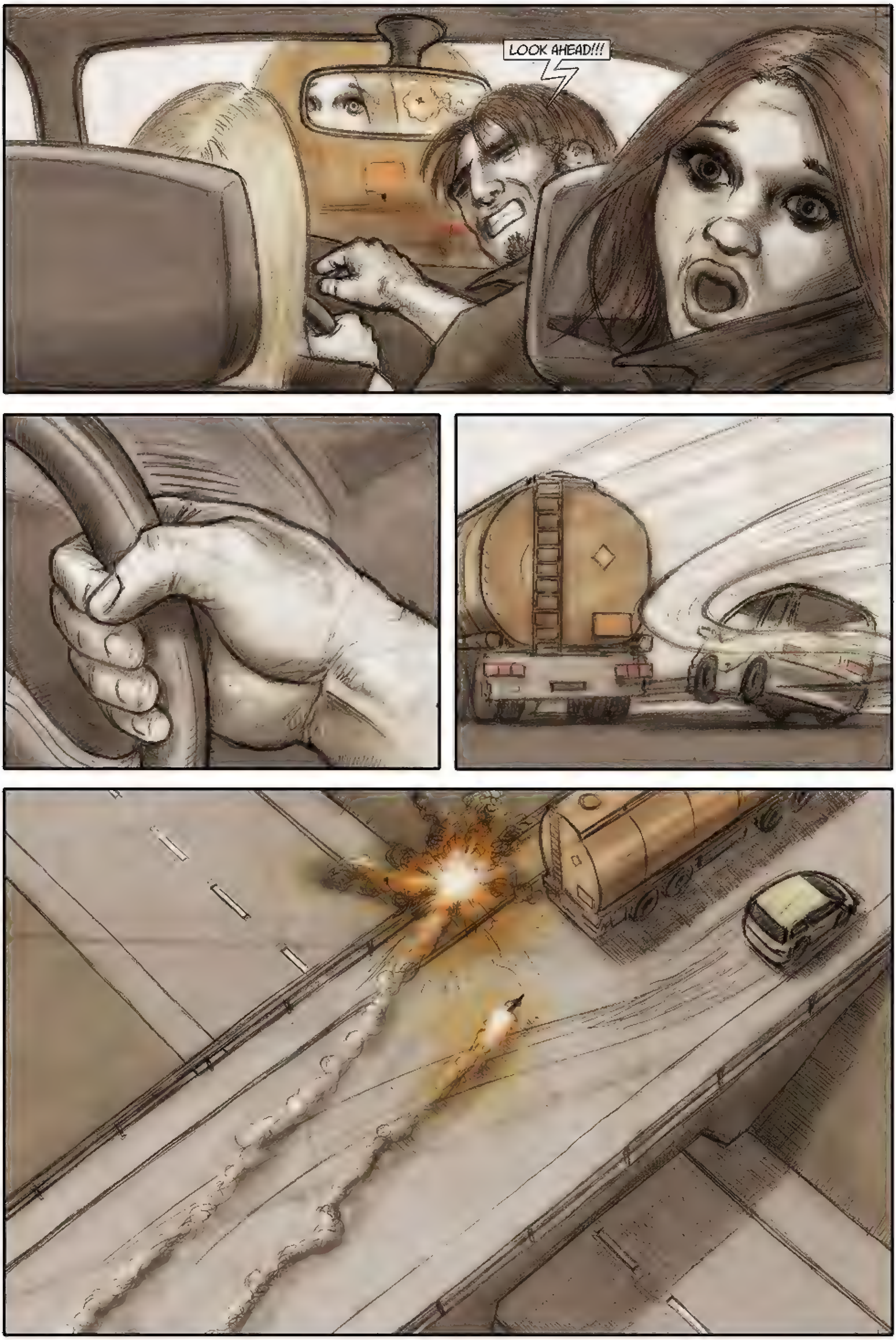
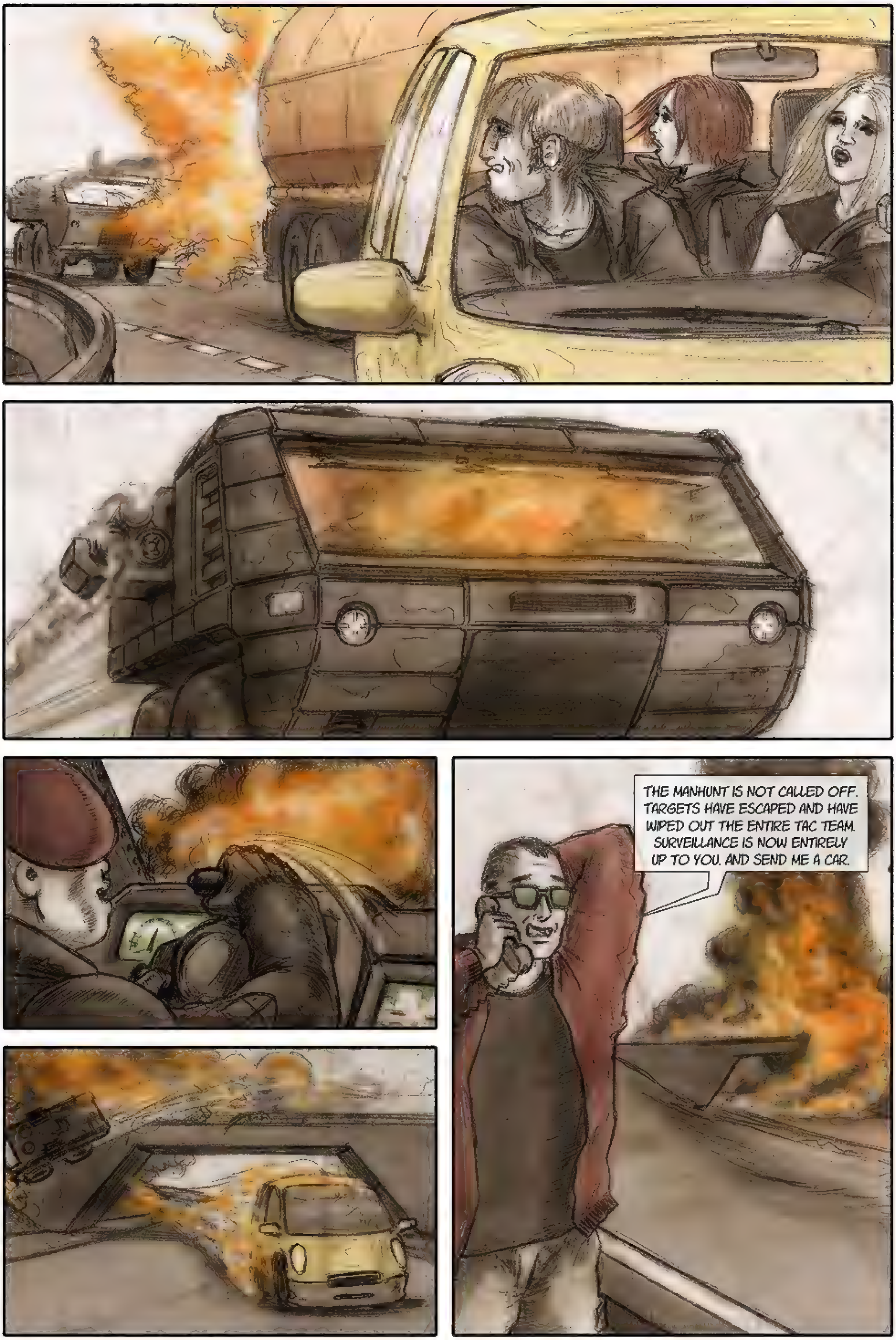
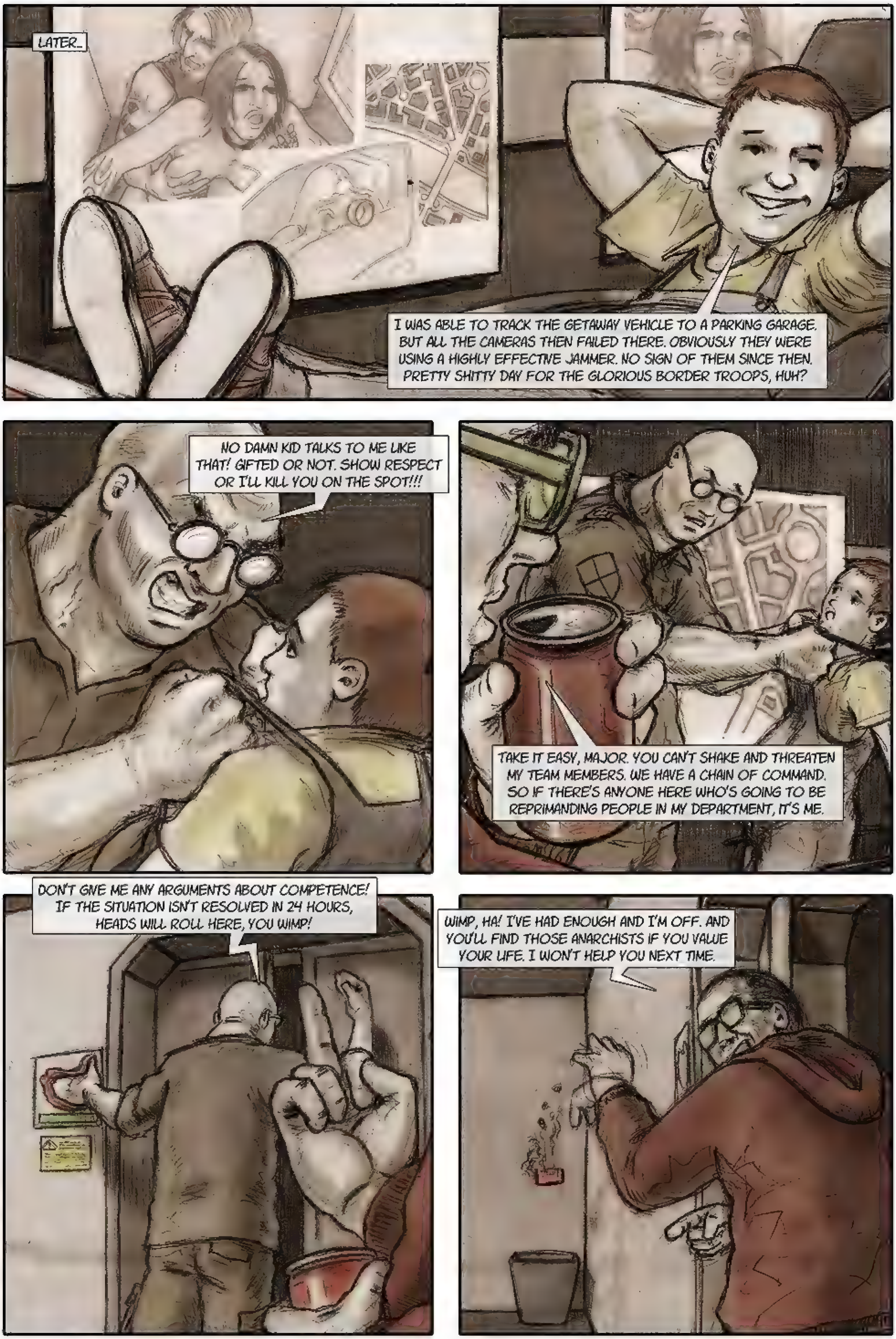

WILL THE JACKPOT BE HIT TODAY?!? I'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT AT THE MOMENT, YOU STUPID - BLEEP -
ANTISOCIAL PUNK! YOU SHOULD BE - BEEP - !!!
WHILE THE FINAL PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY, THE RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR HAS SELECTED A CONTESTANT TO PLAY FOR THE JACKPOT…
I'LL BRIEFLY EXPLAIN THE RULES. YOU DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF THE ROPE. IF THE ROPE IS TOO SHORT AND THE NECK DOESN'T BREAK, YOU LOSE. IF THE ROPE IS TOO LONG AND THE HEAD RIP OFF, YOU ALSO LOSE (AND HAVE TO CLEAN UP THE MESS). THE JACKPOT IS ONLY YOURS IF THE NECK BREAKS CLEANLY. NOW ENTER THE LENGTH.
ACCORDING TO THE BROADCASTER'S GUIDELINES, WE HAVE TO GRANT A SHORT GRACE PERIOD IF THE CEO WANTS TO GRANT A REPRIEVE. TWELVE SECONDS LEFT … NINE, EIGHT, …

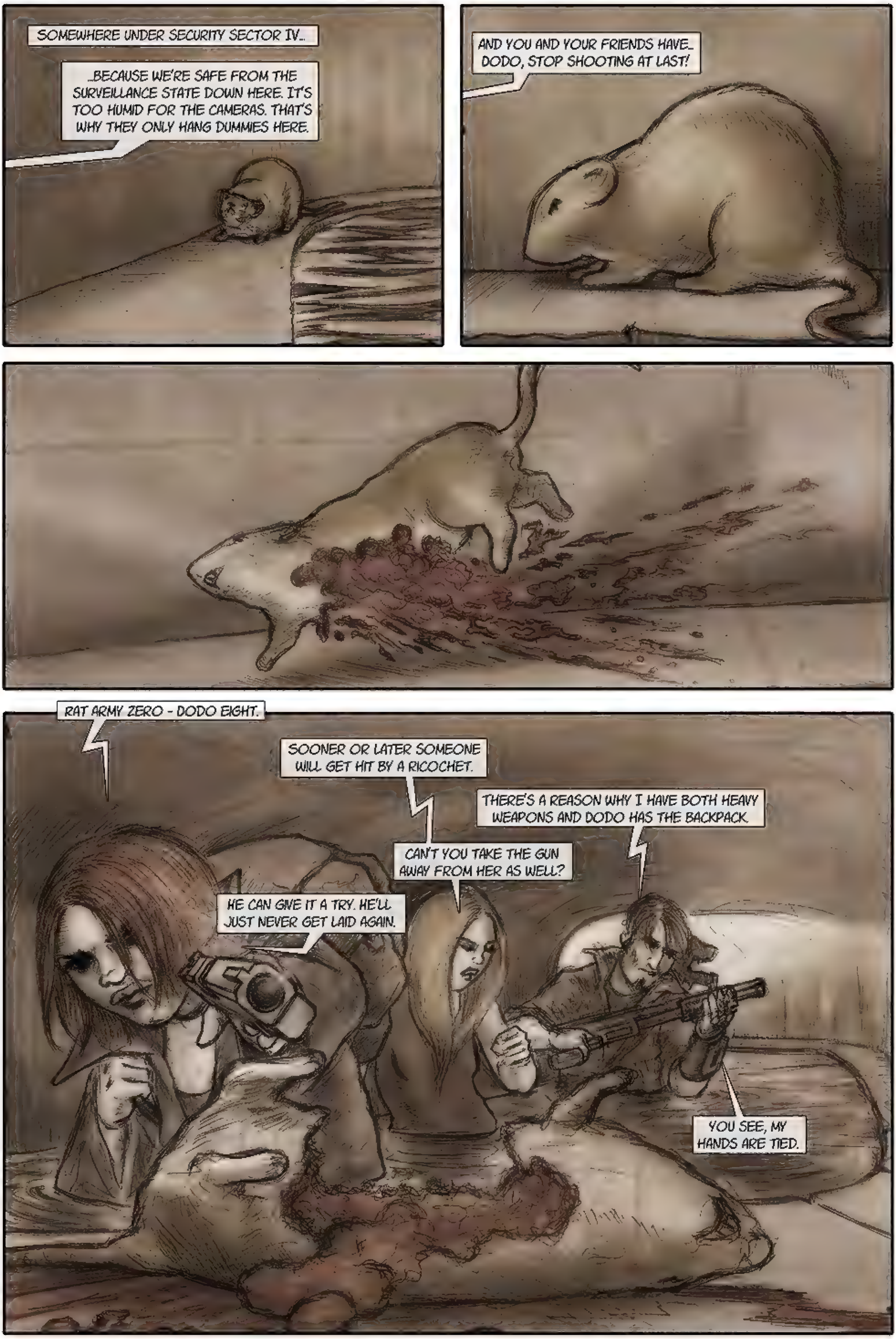

OP-CENTER FRONTEX, INC. BRANCH SECURITY SECTOR IV
ESTIMATED TOO SHORT. ONE METER TOO SHORT, TO BE PRECISE. THIS MEANS THAT THE JACKPOT WILL RISE TO 32,000 CREDITS TOMORROW. BEFORE YOU CAN CHOOSE TOMORROW'S DEATH CANDIDATE, WE'LL DO A QUICK COMMERCIAL. BUT DON'T WORRY, AS ALWAYS THERE'S A SPLIT SCREEN SO YOU WON'T MISS ANYTHING...
ZTV
ARE YOU WATCHING THAT BIG BROTHER - DEATH ROW CRAP AGAIN? DIDN'T I GIVE YOU CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT THAT?
POINTLESS INSTRUCTIONS! YOU DON'T CARE WHAT'S GOING ON HERE ON THE SIDE AS LONG AS I GET THE WORK DONE.

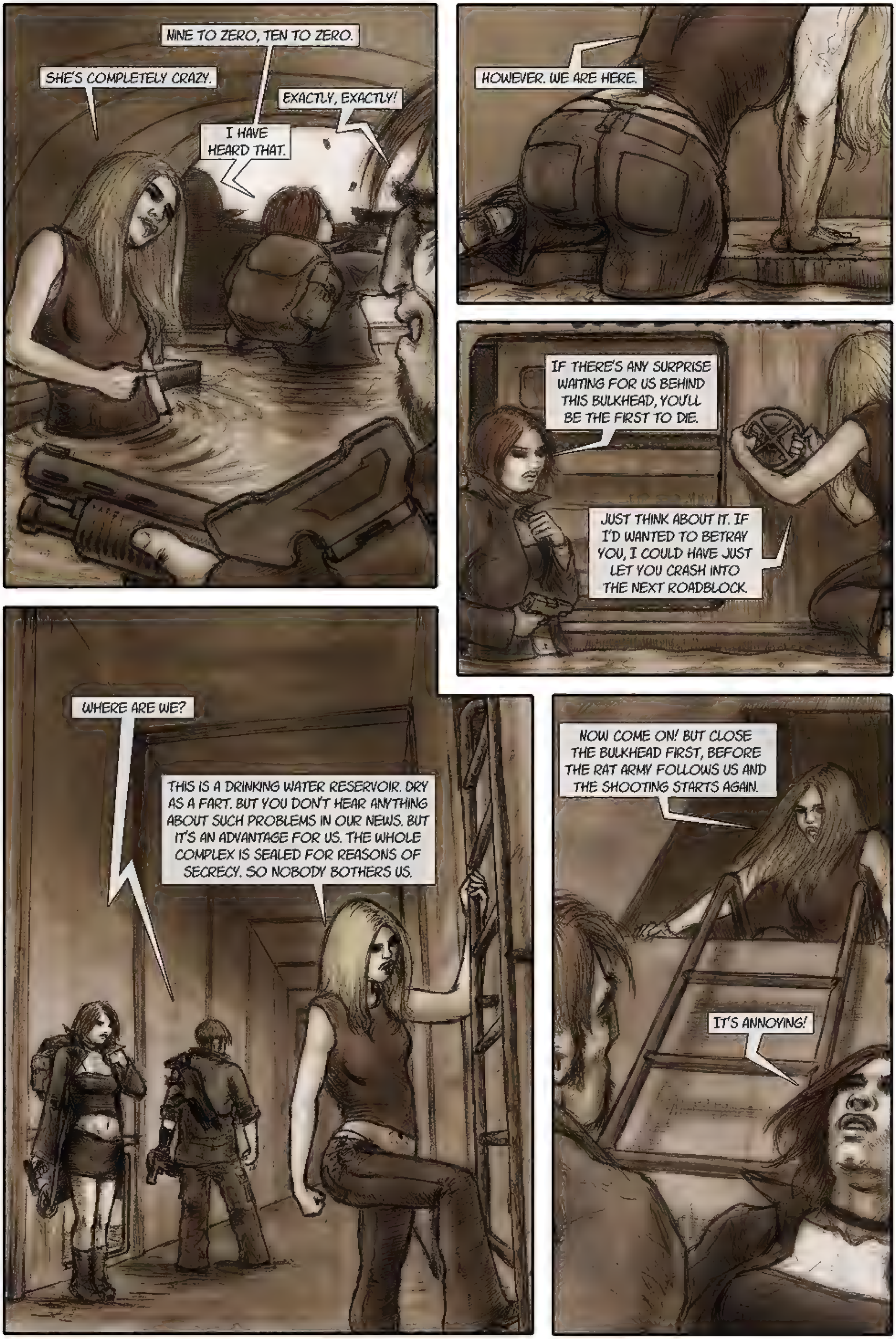

WE WILL DISCUSS THIS INSUBORDINATION LATER. SITUATION REPORT!
THE ESCAPE CAR WAS RENTED ONLINE TWO HOURS AGO USING A FAKE ACCOUNT. WHEN THE VEHICLE WAS PICKED UP, ALL THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ON SITE FAILED. WE HAVE PICTURES TAKEN FROM A DISTANCE OF 11 KILOMETERS. BUT THEY DON'T ALLOW US TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE DRIVER. I FEED THE COMPUTER WITH THE SPARSE DATA WE HAVE AND WAIT FOR THE FIRST RESULTS.
WAIT, MAYBE YOU CAN CALL OFF THE MANHUNT...

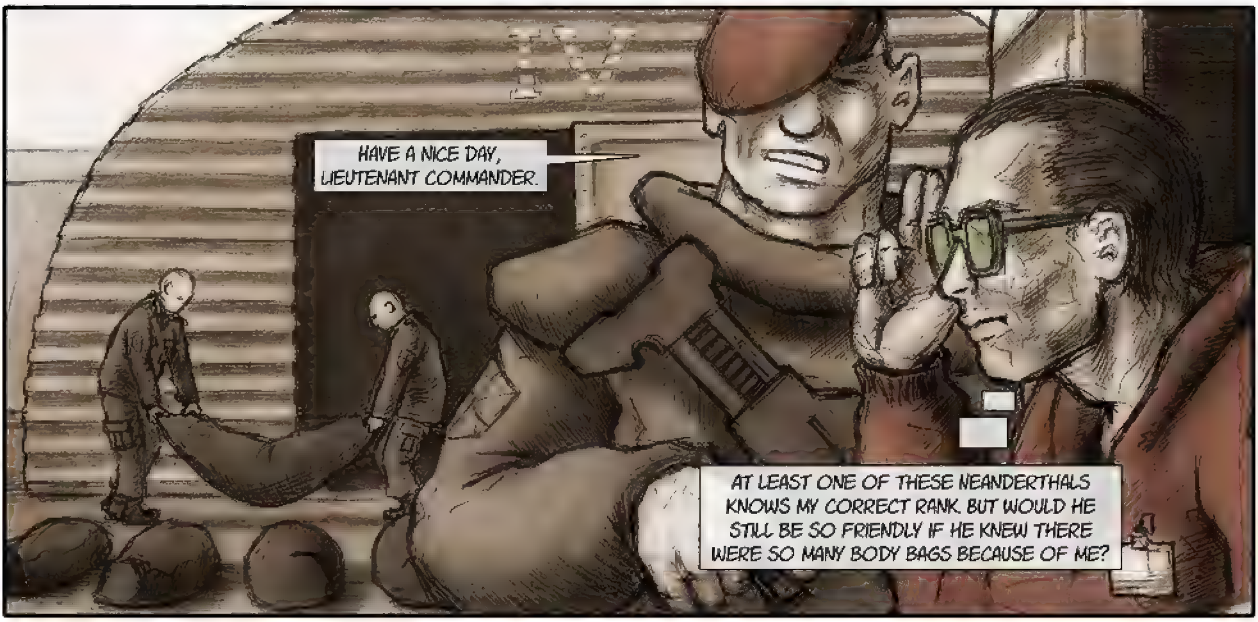

LOOK AHEAD!!!

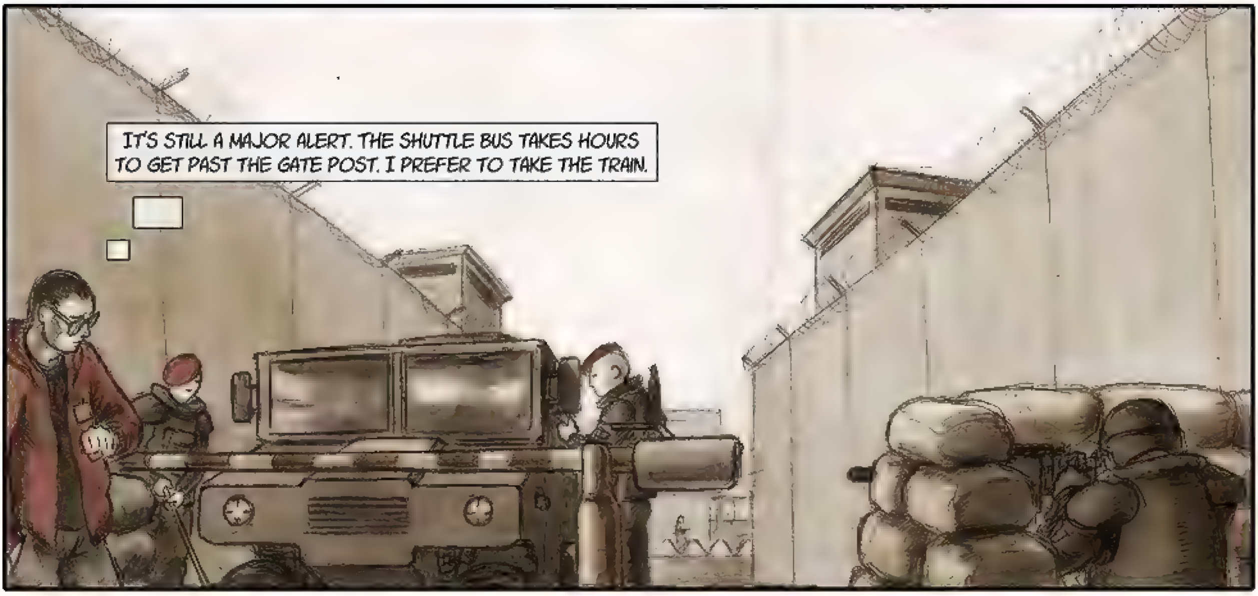

THE MANHUNT IS NOT CALLED OFF. TARGETS HAVE ESCAPED AND HAVE WIPED OUT THE ENTIRE TAC TEAM. SURVEILLANCE IS NOW ENTIRELY UP TO YOU. AND SEND ME A CAR.

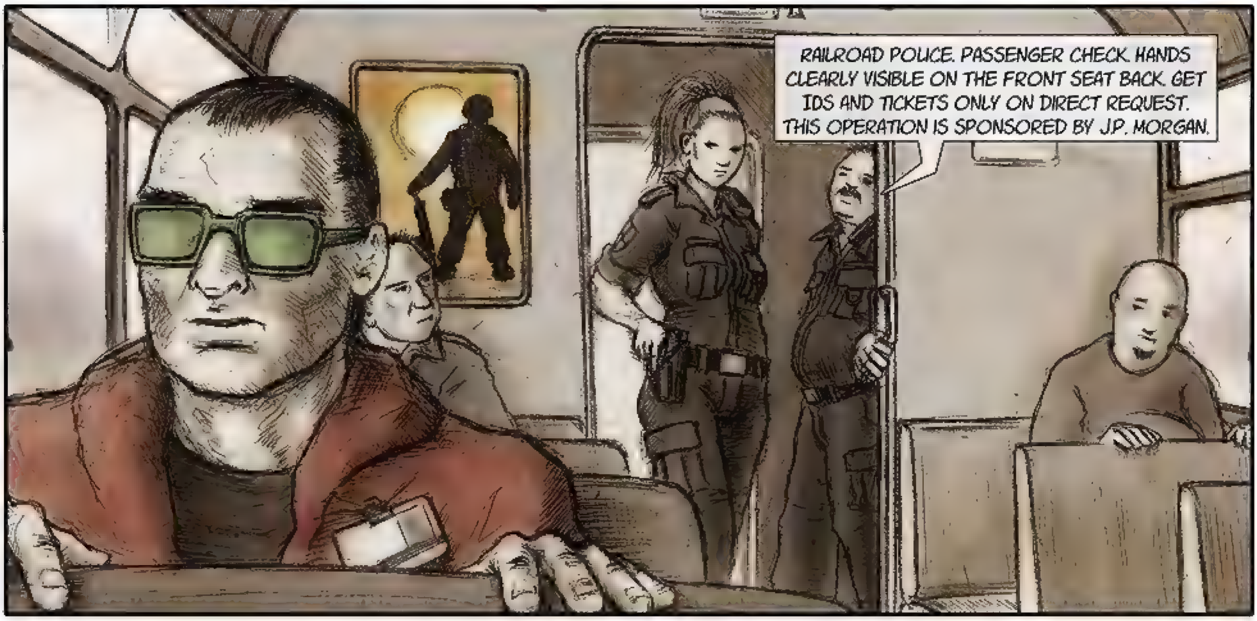

LATER...
I WAS ABLE TO TRACK THE GETAWAY VEHICLE TO A PARKING GARAGE. BUT ALL THE CAMERAS THEN FAILED THERE. OBVIOUSLY THEY WERE USING A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE JAMMER. NO SIGN OF THEM SINCE THEN. PRETTY SHITTY DAY FOR THE GLORIOUS BORDER TROOPS, HUH?
NO DAMN KID TALKS TO ME LIKE THAT! GIFTED OR NOT. SHOW RESPECT OR I'LL KILL YOU ON THE SPOT!!!
TAKE IT EASY, MAJOR. YOU CAN'T SHAKE AND THREATEN MY TEAM MEMBERS. WE HAVE A CHAIN OF COMMAND. SO IF THERE'S ANYONE HERE WHO'S GOING TO BE REPRIMANDING PEOPLE IN MY DEPARTMENT, IT'S ME.
DON'T GIVE ME ANY ARGUMENTS ABOUT COMPETENCE! IF THE SITUATION ISN'T RESOLVED IN 24 HOURS, HEADS WILL ROLL HERE, YOU WIMP!
WIMP, HA! I'VE HAD ENOUGH AND I'M OFF. AND YOU'LL FIND THOSE ANARCHISTS IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE. I WON'T HELP YOU NEXT TIME.

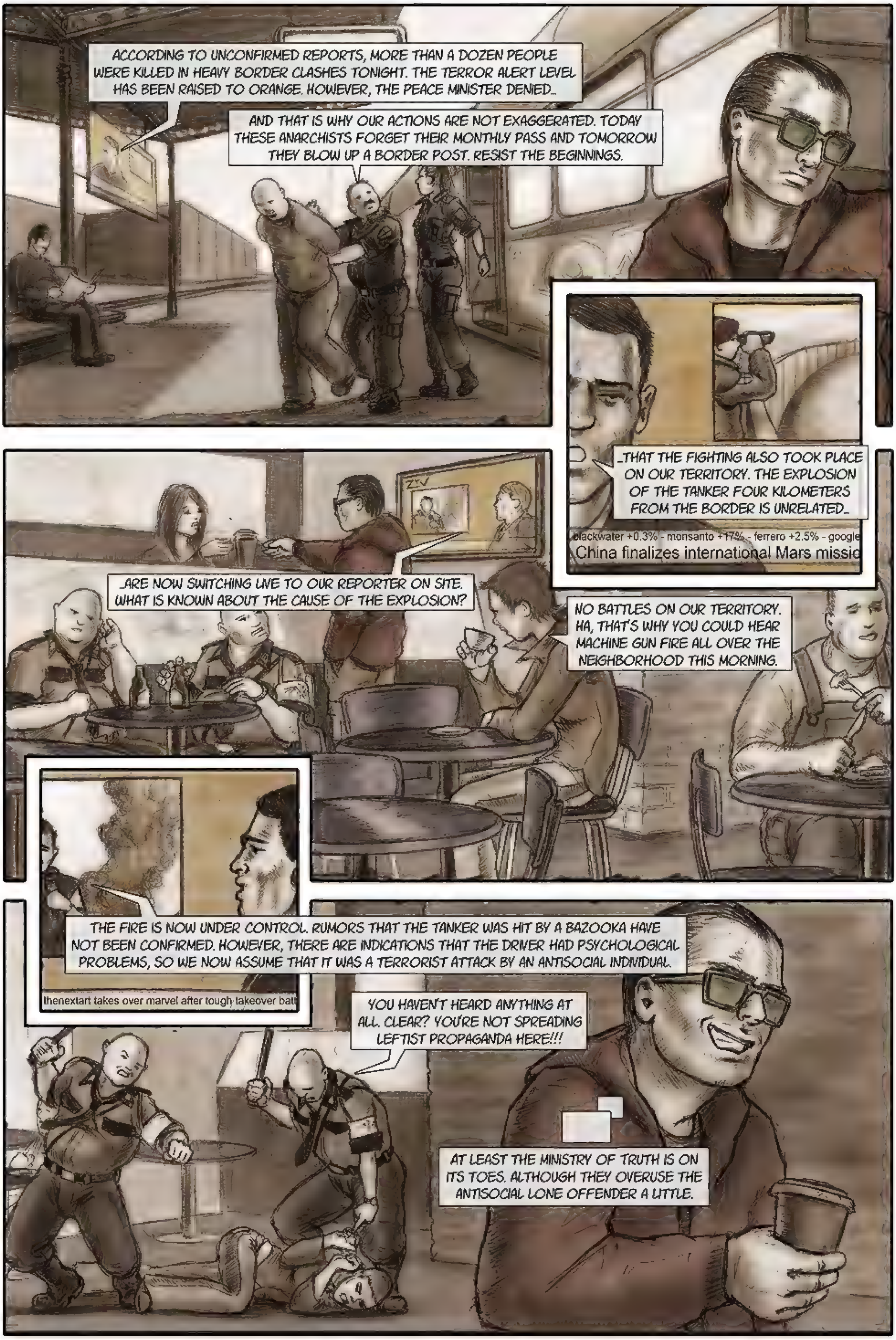

SOMEWHERE UNDER SECURITY SECTOR IV...
...BECAUSE WE'RE SAFE FROM THE SURVEILLANCE STATE DOWN HERE. IT'S TOO HUMID FOR THE CAMERAS. THAT'S WHY THEY ONLY HANG DUMMIES HERE.
AND YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE... DODO, STOP SHOOTING AT LAST!
RAT ARMY ZERO - DODO EIGHT.
SOONER OR LATER SOMEONE WILL GET HIT BY A RICOCHET.
THERE'S A REASON WHY I HAVE BOTH HEAVY WEAPONS AND DODO HAS THE BACKPACK.
CAN'T YOU TAKE THE GUN AWAY FROM HER AS WELL?
HE CAN GIVE IT A TRY. HE'LL JUST NEVER GET LAID AGAIN.
YOU SEE, MY HANDS ARE TIED.


NINE TO ZERO, TEN TO ZERO.
SHE'S COMPLETELY CRAZY.
EXACTLY, EXACTLY!
I HAVE HEARD THAT.
HOWEVER. WE ARE HERE.
IF THERE'S ANY SURPRISE WAITING FOR US BEHIND THIS BULKHEAD, YOU'LL BE THE FIRST TO DIE.
JUST THINK ABOUT IT. IF I'D WANTED TO BETRAY YOU, I COULD HAVE JUST LET YOU CRASH INTO THE NEXT ROADBLOCK.
WHERE ARE WE?
THIS IS A DRINKING WATER RESERVOIR. DRY AS A FART. BUT YOU DON'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT SUCH PROBLEMS IN OUR NEWS. BUT IT'S AN ADVANTAGE FOR US. THE WHOLE COMPLEX IS SEALED FOR REASONS OF SECRECY. SO NOBODY BOTHERS US.
NOW COME ON! BUT CLOSE THE BULKHEAD FIRST, BEFORE THE RAT ARMY FOLLOWS US AND THE SHOOTING STARTS AGAIN.
IT'S ANNOYING!


HAVE A NICE DAY, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.
AT LEAST ONE OF THESE NEANDERTHALS KNOWS MY CORRECT RANK. BUT WOULD HE STILL BE SO FRIENDLY IF HE KNEW THERE WERE SO MANY BODY BAGS BECAUSE OF ME?


IT'S STILL A MAJOR ALERT. THE SHUTTLE BUS TAKES HOURS TO GET PAST THE GATE POST. I PREFER TO TAKE THE TRAIN.


RAILROAD POLICE. PASSENGER CHECK. HANDS CLEARLY VISIBLE ON THE FRONT SEAT BACK. GET IDS AND TICKETS ONLY ON DIRECT REQUEST. THIS OPERATION IS SPONSORED BY J.P. MORGAN.


ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS, MORE THAN A DOZEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN HEAVY BORDER CLASHES TONIGHT. THE TERROR ALERT LEVEL HAS BEEN RAISED TO ORANGE. HOWEVER, THE PEACE MINISTER DENIED…
AND THAT IS WHY OUR ACTIONS ARE NOT EXAGGERATED. TODAY THESE ANARCHISTS FORGET THEIR MONTHLY PASS AND TOMORROW THEY BLOW UP A BORDER POST. RESIST THE BEGINNINGS.
…THAT THE FIGHTING ALSO TOOK PLACE ON OUR TERRITORY. THE EXPLOSION OF THE TANKER FOUR KILOMETERS FROM THE BORDER IS UNRELATED…
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…ARE NOW SWITCHING LIVE TO OUR REPORTER ON SITE. WHAT IS KNOWN ABOUT THE CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION?
NO BATTLES ON OUR TERRITORY. HA, THAT'S WHY YOU COULD HEAR MACHINE GUN FIRE ALL OVER THE NEIGHBORHOOD THIS MORNING.
THE FIRE IS NOW UNDER CONTROL. RUMORS THAT THE TANKER WAS HIT BY A BAZOOKA HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED. HOWEVER, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE DRIVER HAD PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS, SO WE NOW ASSUME THAT IT WAS A TERRORIST ATTACK BY AN ANTISOCIAL INDIVIDUAL.
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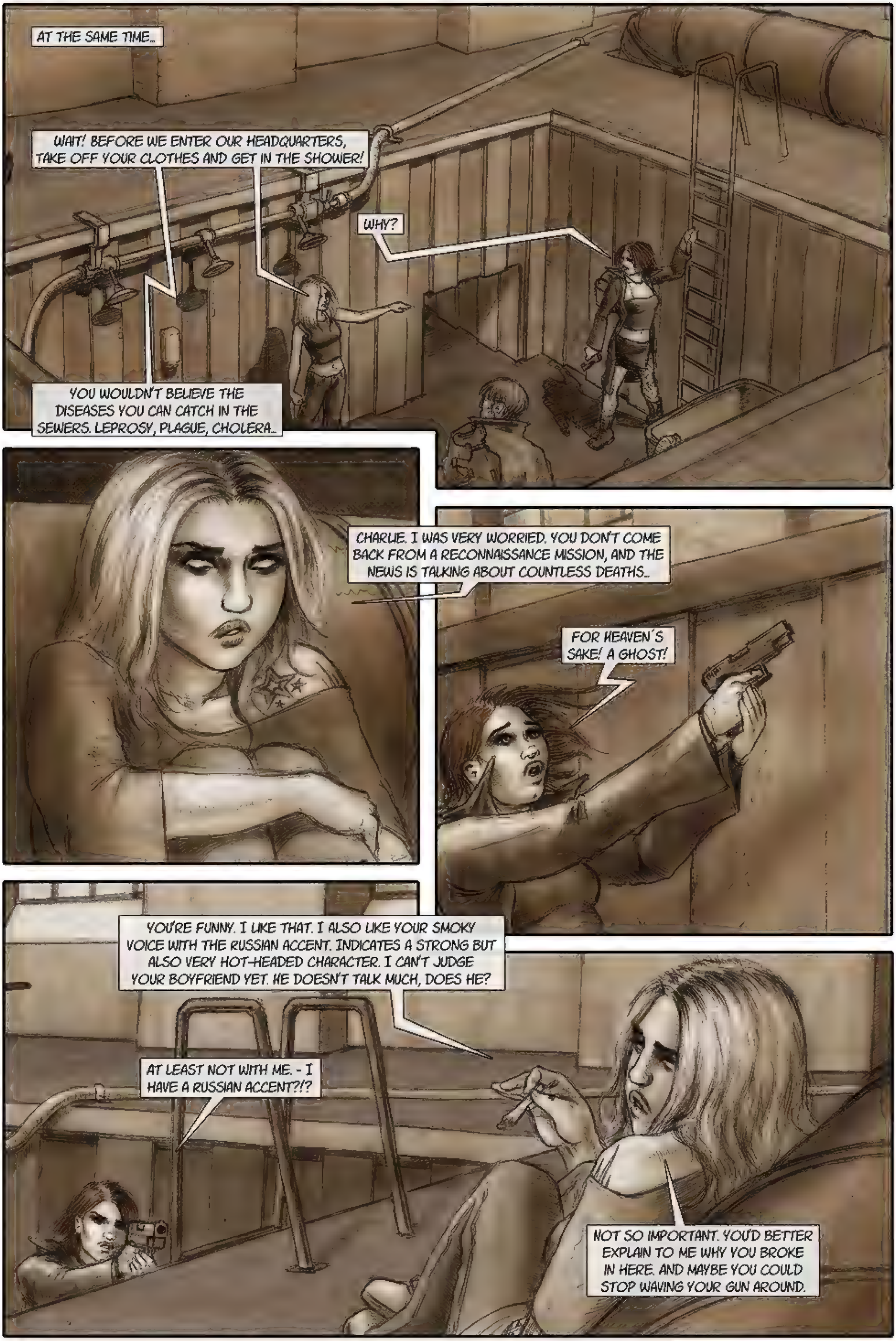
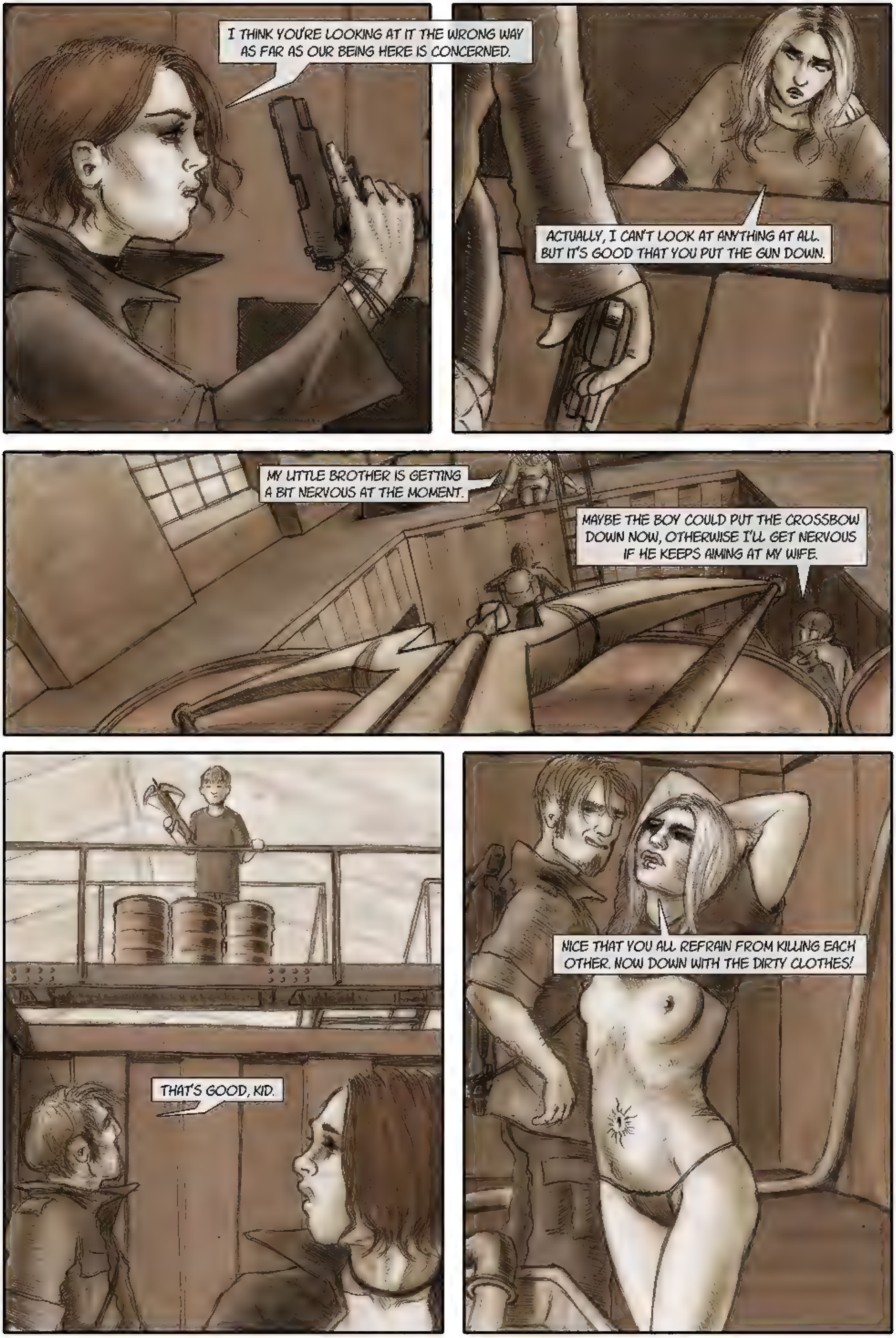
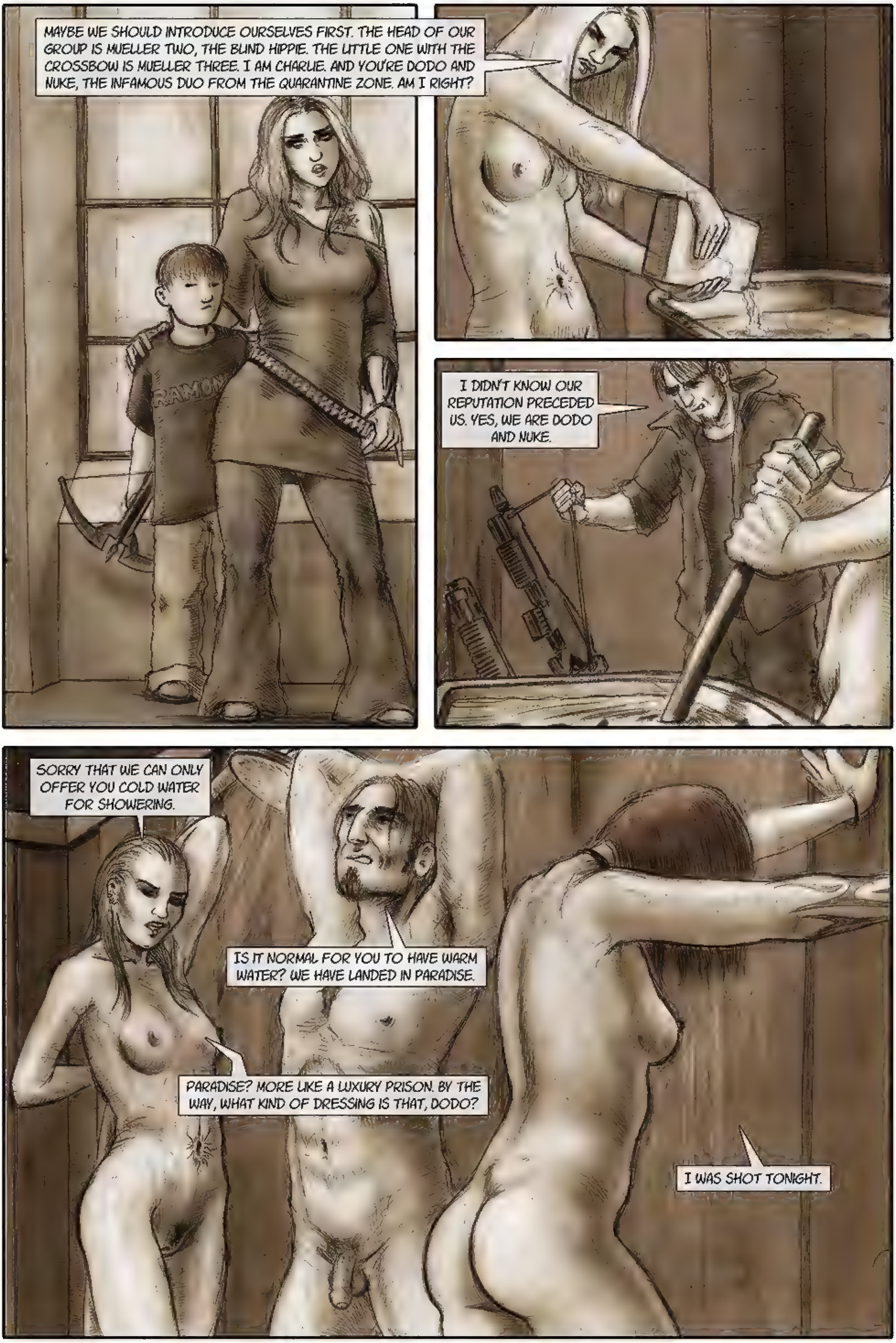
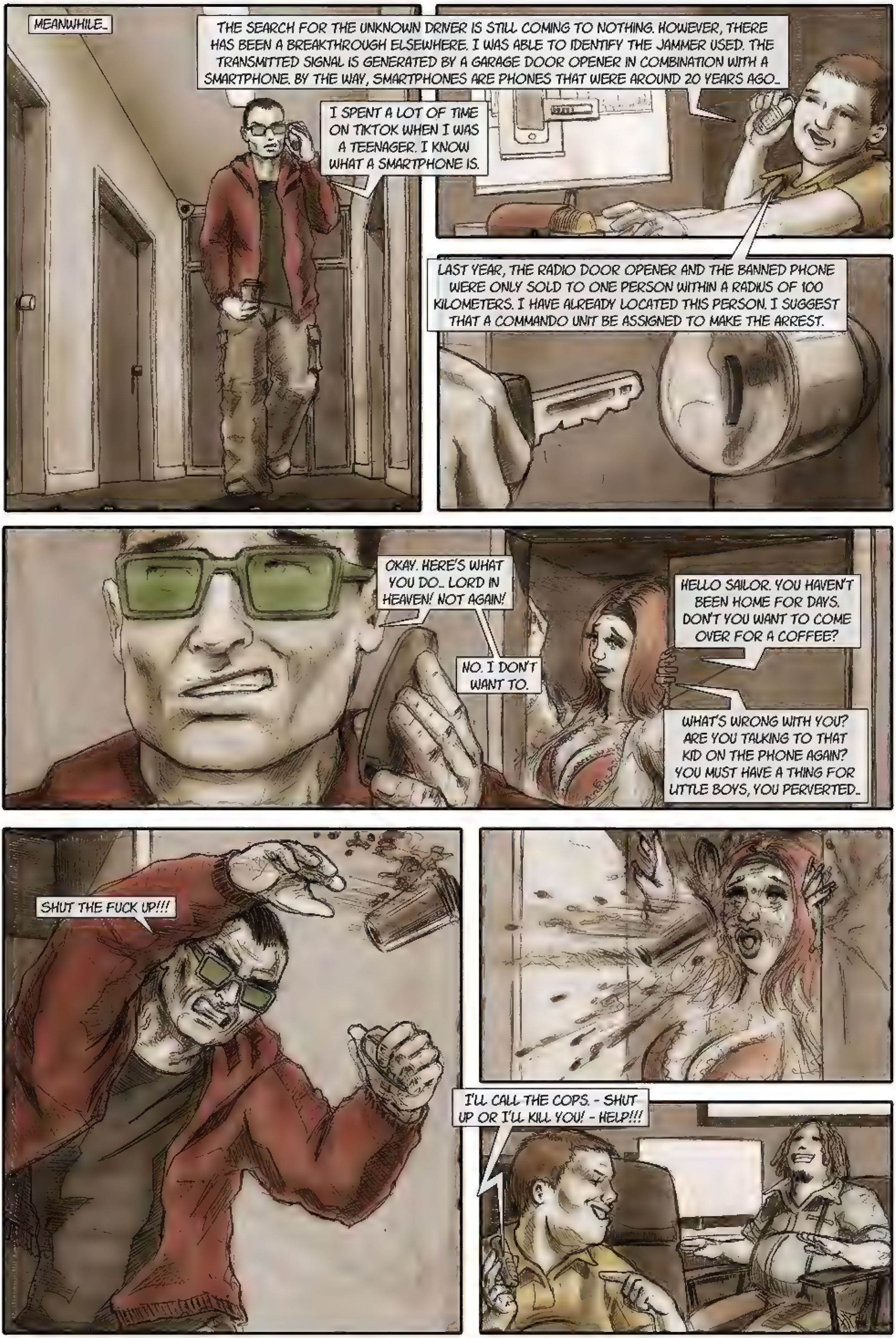
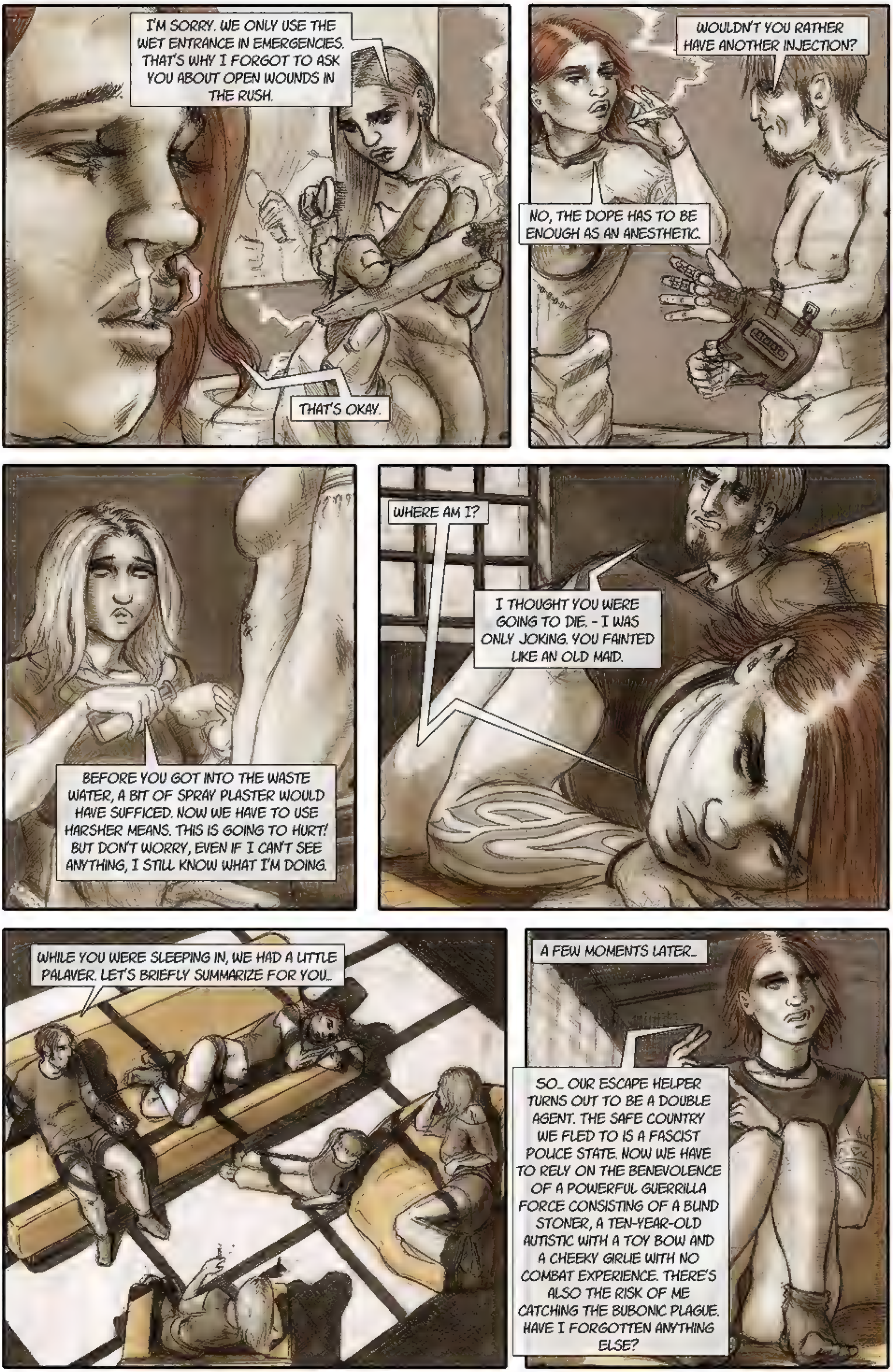
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING AT ALL. CLEAR? YOU'RE NOT SPREADING LEFTIST PROPAGANDA HERE!!!
AT LEAST THE MINISTRY OF TRUTH IS ON ITS TOES. ALTHOUGH THEY OVERUSE THE ANTISOCIAL LONE OFFENDER A LITTLE.

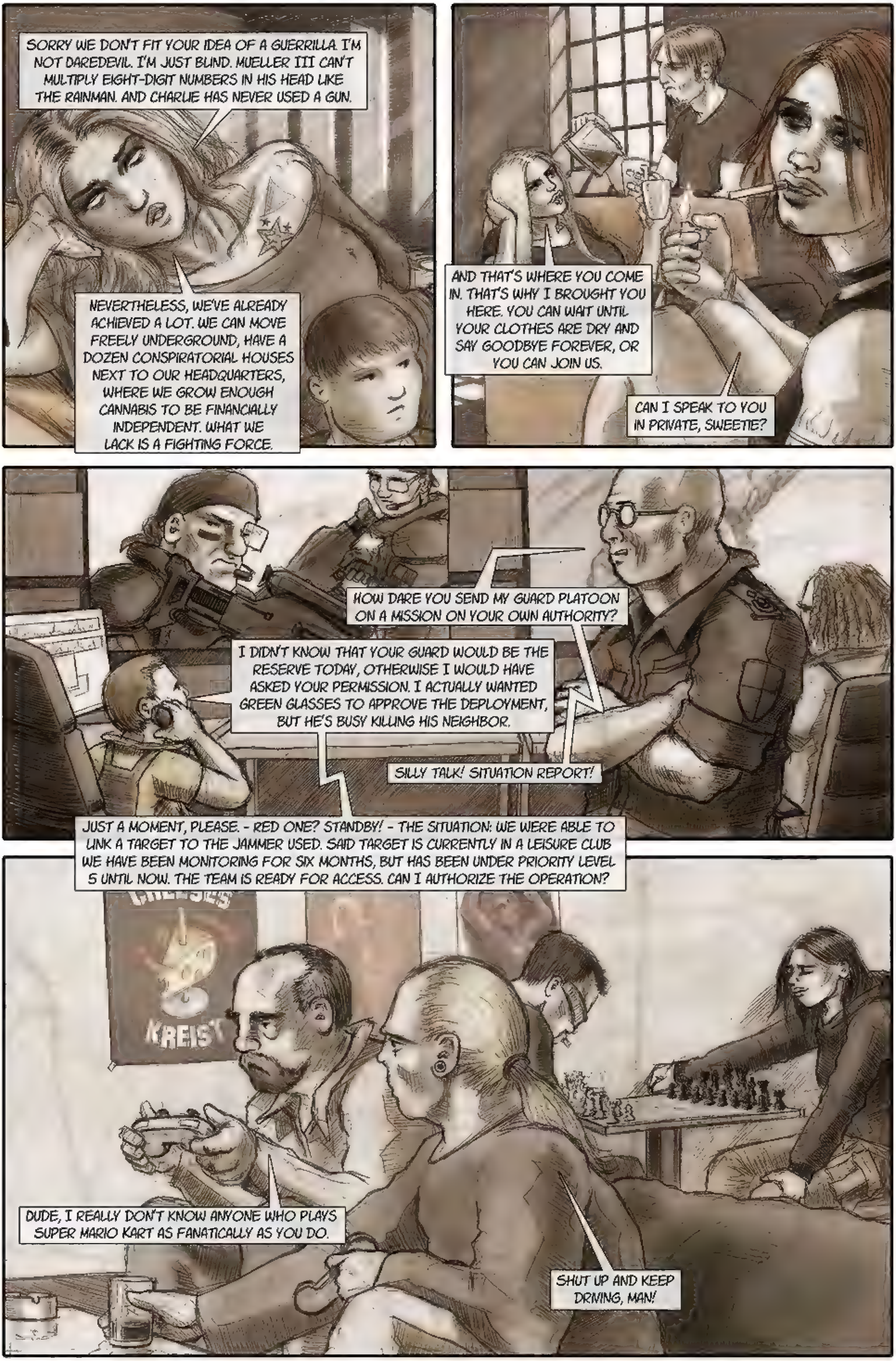

AT THE SAME TIME...
WAIT! BEFORE WE ENTER OUR HEADQUARTERS, TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES AND GET IN THE SHOWER!
WHY?
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE DISEASES YOU CAN CATCH IN THE SEWERS. LEPROSY, PLAGUE, CHOLERA...
CHARLIE. I WAS VERY WORRIED. YOU DON'T COME BACK FROM A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION, AND THE NEWS IS TALKING ABOUT COUNTLESS DEATHS...
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE! A GHOST!
YOU'RE FUNNY. I LIKE THAT. I ALSO LIKE YOUR SMOKY VOICE WITH THE RUSSIAN ACCENT. INDICATES A STRONG BUT ALSO VERY HOT-HEADED CHARACTER. I CAN'T JUDGE YOUR BOYFRIEND YET. HE DOESN'T TALK MUCH, DOES HE?
AT LEAST NOT WITH ME. - I HAVE A RUSSIAN ACCENT?!?
NOT SO IMPORTANT. YOU'D BETTER EXPLAIN TO ME WHY YOU BROKE IN HERE. AND MAYBE YOU COULD STOP WAVING YOUR GUN AROUND.

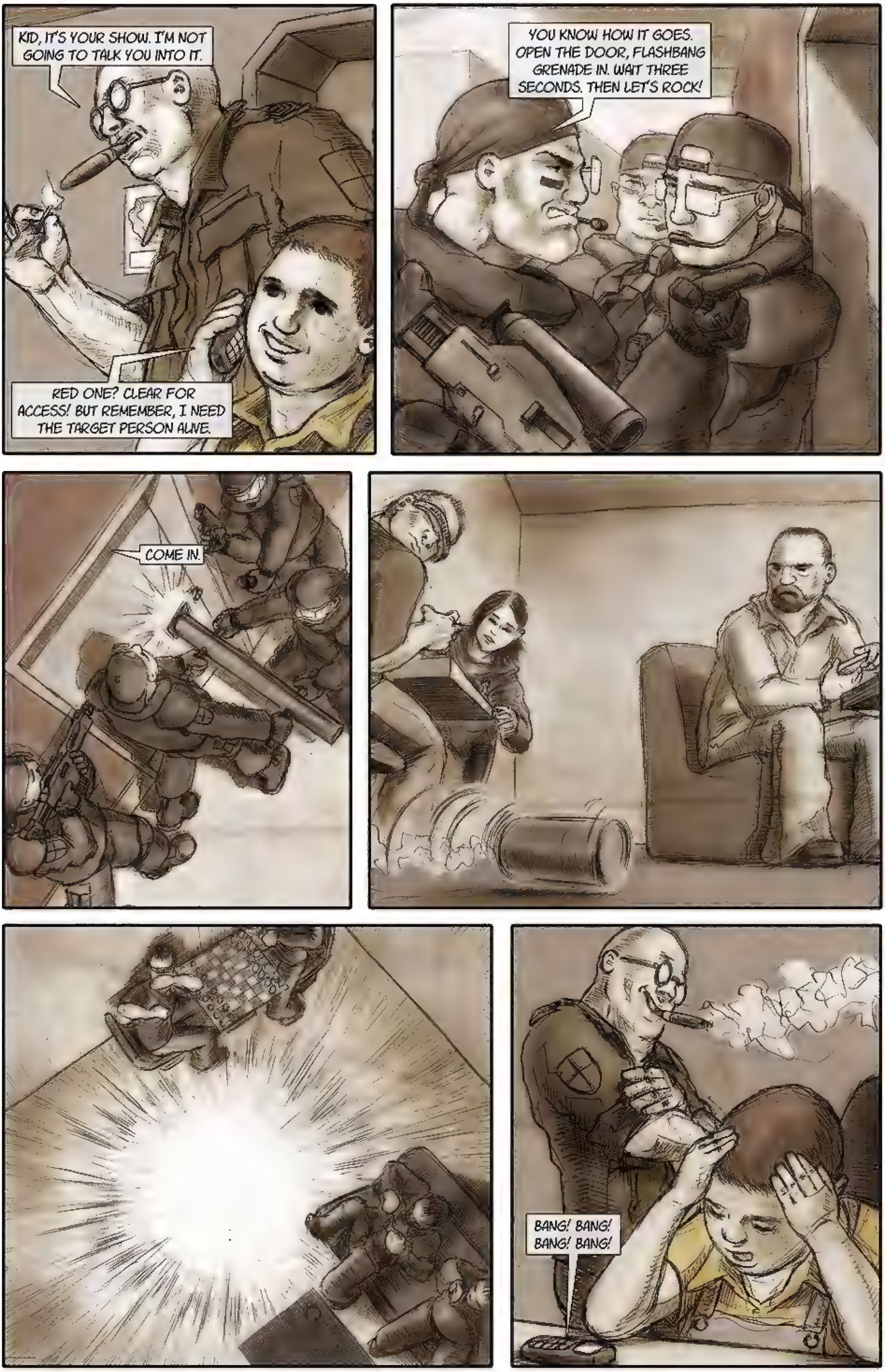

I THINK YOU'RE LOOKING AT IT THE WRONG WAY AS FAR AS OUR BEING HERE IS CONCERNED.
ACTUALLY, I CAN'T LOOK AT ANYTHING AT ALL. BUT IT'S GOOD THAT YOU PUT THE GUN DOWN.
MY LITTLE BROTHER IS GETTING A BIT NERVOUS AT THE MOMENT.
MAYBE THE BOY COULD PUT THE CROSSBOW DOWN NOW, OTHERWISE I'LL GET NERVOUS IF HE KEEPS AIMING AT MY WIFE.
THAT'S GOOD, KID.
NICE THAT YOU ALL REFRAIN FROM KILLING EACH OTHER. NOW DOWN WITH THE DIRTY CLOTHES!

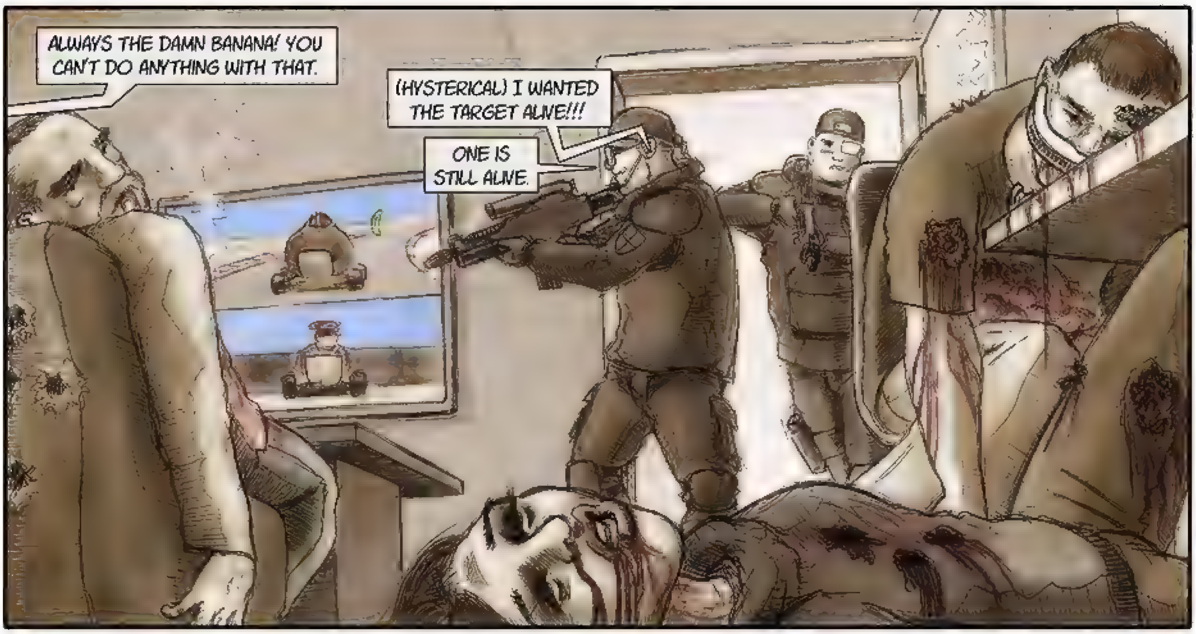

MAYBE WE SHOULD INTRODUCE OURSELVES FIRST. THE HEAD OF OUR GROUP IS MUELLER TWO, THE BLIND HIPPIE. THE LITTLE ONE WITH THE CROSSBOW IS MUELLER THREE. I AM CHARLIE. AND YOU'RE DODO AND NUKE, THE INFAMOUS DUO FROM THE QUARANTINE ZONE. AM I RIGHT?
RAMON
I DIDN'T KNOW OUR REPUTATION PRECEDED US. YES, WE ARE DODO AND NUKE.
SORRY THAT WE CAN ONLY OFFER YOU COLD WATER FOR SHOWERING.
IS IT NORMAL FOR YOU TO HAVE WARM WATER? WE HAVE LANDED IN PARADISE.
PARADISE? MORE LIKE A LUXURY PRISON. BY THE WAY, WHAT KIND OF DRESSING IS THAT, DODO?
I WAS SHOT TONIGHT.

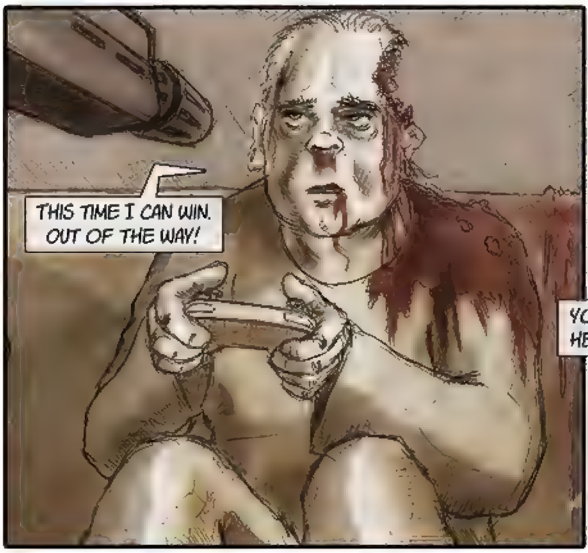

MEANWHILE…
THE SEARCH FOR THE UNKNOWN DRIVER IS STILL COMING TO NOTHING. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN A BREAKTHROUGH ELSEWHERE. I WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE JAMMER USED. THE TRANSMITTED SIGNAL IS GENERATED BY A GARAGE DOOR OPENER IN COMBINATION WITH A SMARTPHONE. BY THE WAY, SMARTPHONES ARE PHONES THAT WERE AROUND 20 YEARS AGO…
I SPENT A LOT OF TIME ON TIKTOK WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER. I KNOW WHAT A SMARTPHONE IS.
LAST YEAR, THE RADIO DOOR OPENER AND THE BANNED PHONE WERE ONLY SOLD TO ONE PERSON WITHIN A RADIUS OF 100 KILOMETERS. I HAVE ALREADY LOCATED THIS PERSON. I SUGGEST THAT A COMMANDO UNIT BE ASSIGNED TO MAKE THE ARREST.
OKAY. HERE'S WHAT YOU DO… LORD IN HEAVEN! NOT AGAIN!
HELLO SAILOR. YOU HAVEN'T BEEN HOME FOR DAYS. DON'T YOU WANT TO COME OVER FOR A COFFEE?
NO. I DON'T WANT TO.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? ARE YOU TALKING TO THAT KID ON THE PHONE AGAIN? YOU MUST HAVE A THING FOR LITTLE BOYS, YOU PERVERTED…
SHUT THE FUCK UP!!!
I'LL CALL THE COPS. - SHUT UP OR I'LL KILL YOU! - HELP!!!

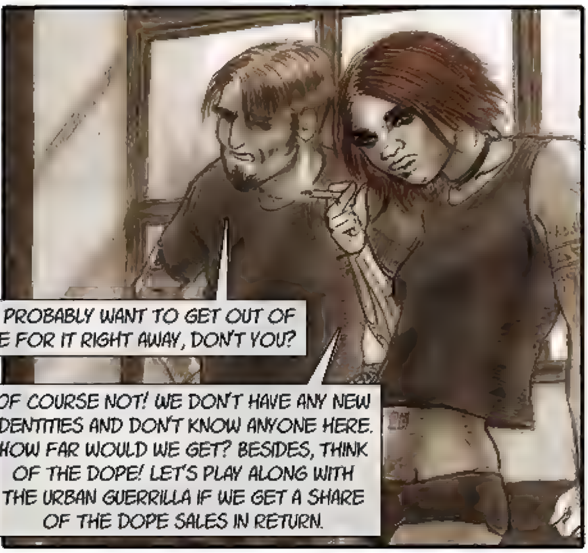

I'M SORRY. WE ONLY USE THE WET ENTRANCE IN EMERGENCIES. THAT'S WHY I FORGOT TO ASK YOU ABOUT OPEN WOUNDS IN THE RUSH.
THAT'S OKAY.
WOULDN'T YOU RATHER HAVE ANOTHER INJECTION?
NO, THE DOPE HAS TO BE ENOUGH AS AN ANESTHETIC.
BEFORE YOU GOT INTO THE WASTE WATER, A BIT OF SPRAY PLASTER WOULD HAVE SUFFICED. NOW WE HAVE TO USE HARSHER MEANS. THIS IS GOING TO HURT! BUT DON'T WORRY, EVEN IF I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING, I STILL KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
WHERE AM I?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO DIE. - I WAS ONLY JOKING. YOU FAINTED LIKE AN OLD MAID.
WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING IN, WE HAD A LITTLE PALAVER. LET'S BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE FOR YOU...
A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
SO... OUR ESCAPE HELPER TURNS OUT TO BE A DOUBLE AGENT. THE SAFE COUNTRY WE FLED TO IS A FASCIST POLICE STATE. NOW WE HAVE TO RELY ON THE BENEVOLENCE OF A POWERFUL GUERRILLA FORCE CONSISTING OF A BLIND STONER, A TEN-YEAR-OLD AUTISTIC WITH A TOY BOW AND A CHEEKY GIRLIE WITH NO COMBAT EXPERIENCE. THERE'S ALSO THE RISK OF ME CATCHING THE BUBONIC PLAGUE. HAVE I FORGOTTEN ANYTHING ELSE?

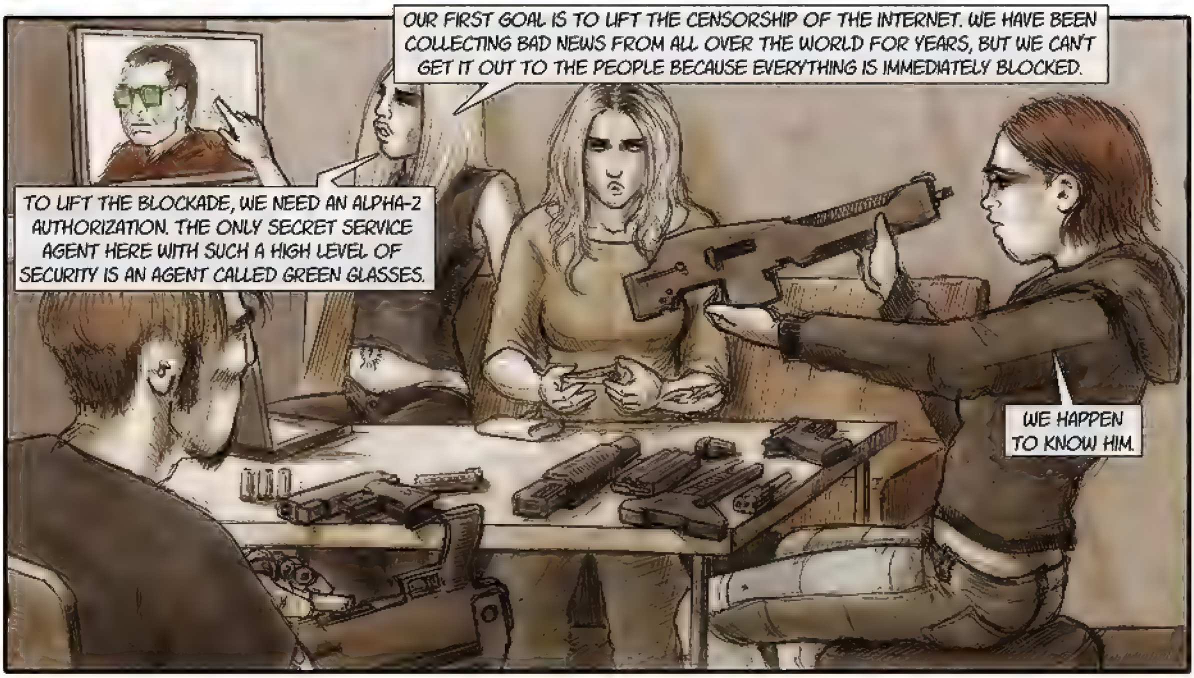

SORRY WE DON'T FIT YOUR IDEA OF A GUERRILLA. I'M NOT DAREDEVIL. I'M JUST BLIND. MUELLER III CAN'T MULTIPLY EIGHT-DIGIT NUMBERS IN HIS HEAD LIKE THE RAINMAN. AND CHARLIE HAS NEVER USED A GUN.
NEVERTHELESS, WE'VE ALREADY ACHIEVED A LOT. WE CAN MOVE FREELY UNDERGROUND, HAVE A DOZEN CONSPIRATORIAL HOUSES NEXT TO OUR HEADQUARTERS, WHERE WE GROW ENOUGH CANNABIS TO BE FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT. WHAT WE LACK IS A FIGHTING FORCE.
AND THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN. THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT YOU HERE. YOU CAN WAIT UNTIL YOUR CLOTHES ARE DRY AND SAY GOODBYE FOREVER, OR YOU CAN JOIN US.
CAN I SPEAK TO YOU IN PRIVATE, SWEETIE?
HOW DARE YOU SEND MY GUARD PLATOON ON A MISSION ON YOUR OWN AUTHORITY?
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOUR GUARD WOULD BE THE RESERVE TODAY, OTHERWISE I WOULD HAVE ASKED YOUR PERMISSION. I ACTUALLY WANTED GREEN GLASSES TO APPROVE THE DEPLOYMENT, BUT HE'S BUSY KILLING HIS NEIGHBOR.
SILLY TALK! SITUATION REPORT!
JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE. - RED ONE? STANDBY! - THE SITUATION: WE WERE ABLE TO LINK A TARGET TO THE JAMMER USED. SAID TARGET IS CURRENTLY IN A LEISURE CLUB WE HAVE BEEN MONITORING FOR SIX MONTHS, BUT HAS BEEN UNDER PRIORITY LEVEL 5 UNTIL NOW. THE TEAM IS READY FOR ACCESS. CAN I AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION?
KREIST
DUDE, I REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO PLAYS SUPER MARIO KART AS FANATICALLY AS YOU DO.
SHUT UP AND KEEP DRIVING, MAN!

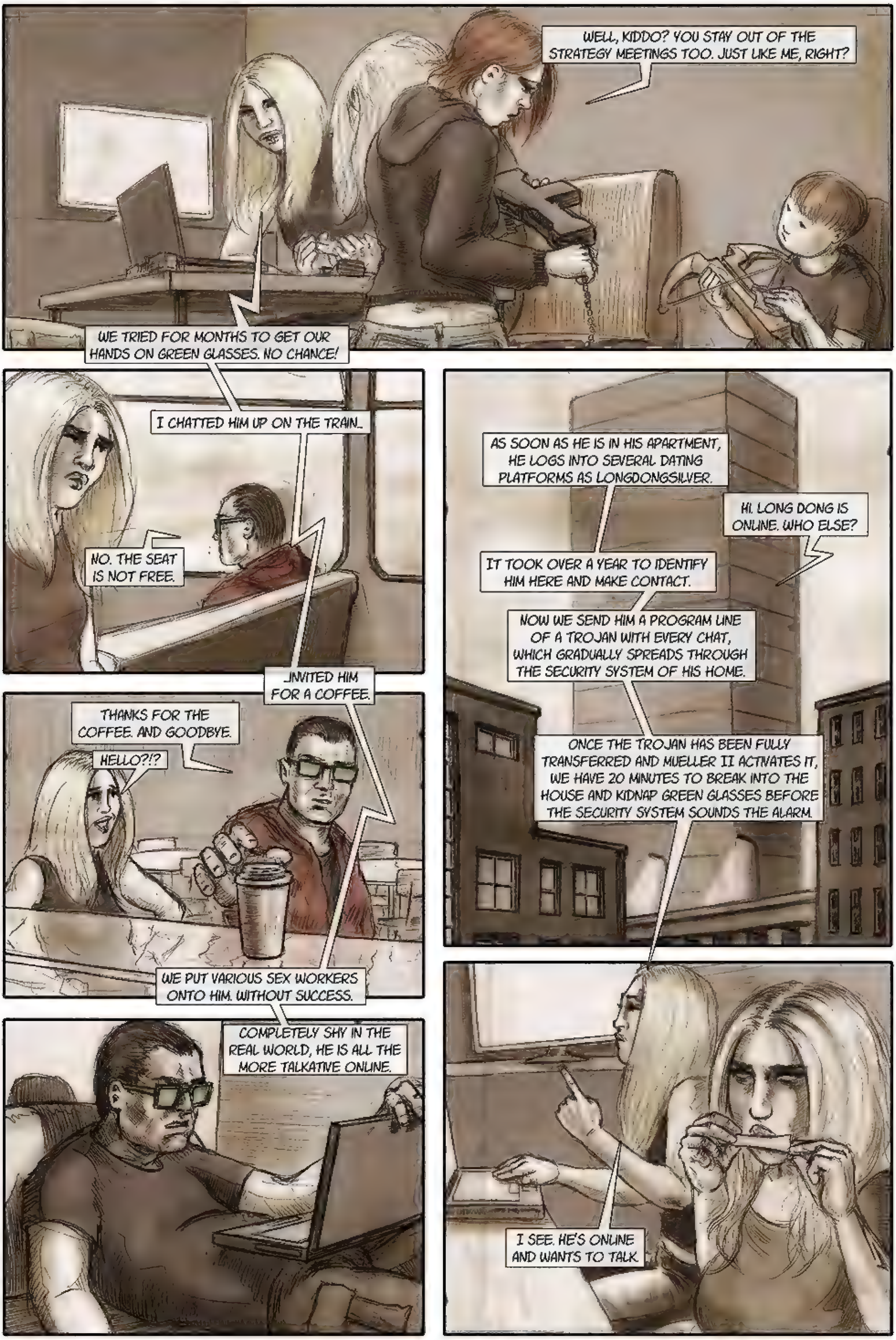

KID, IT'S YOUR SHOW. I'M NOT GOING TO TALK YOU INTO IT.
RED ONE? CLEAR FOR ACCESS! BUT REMEMBER, I NEED THE TARGET PERSON ALIVE.
YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES. OPEN THE DOOR, FLASHBANG GRENADE IN. WAIT THREE SECONDS. THEN LET'S ROCK!
COME IN.
BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG!

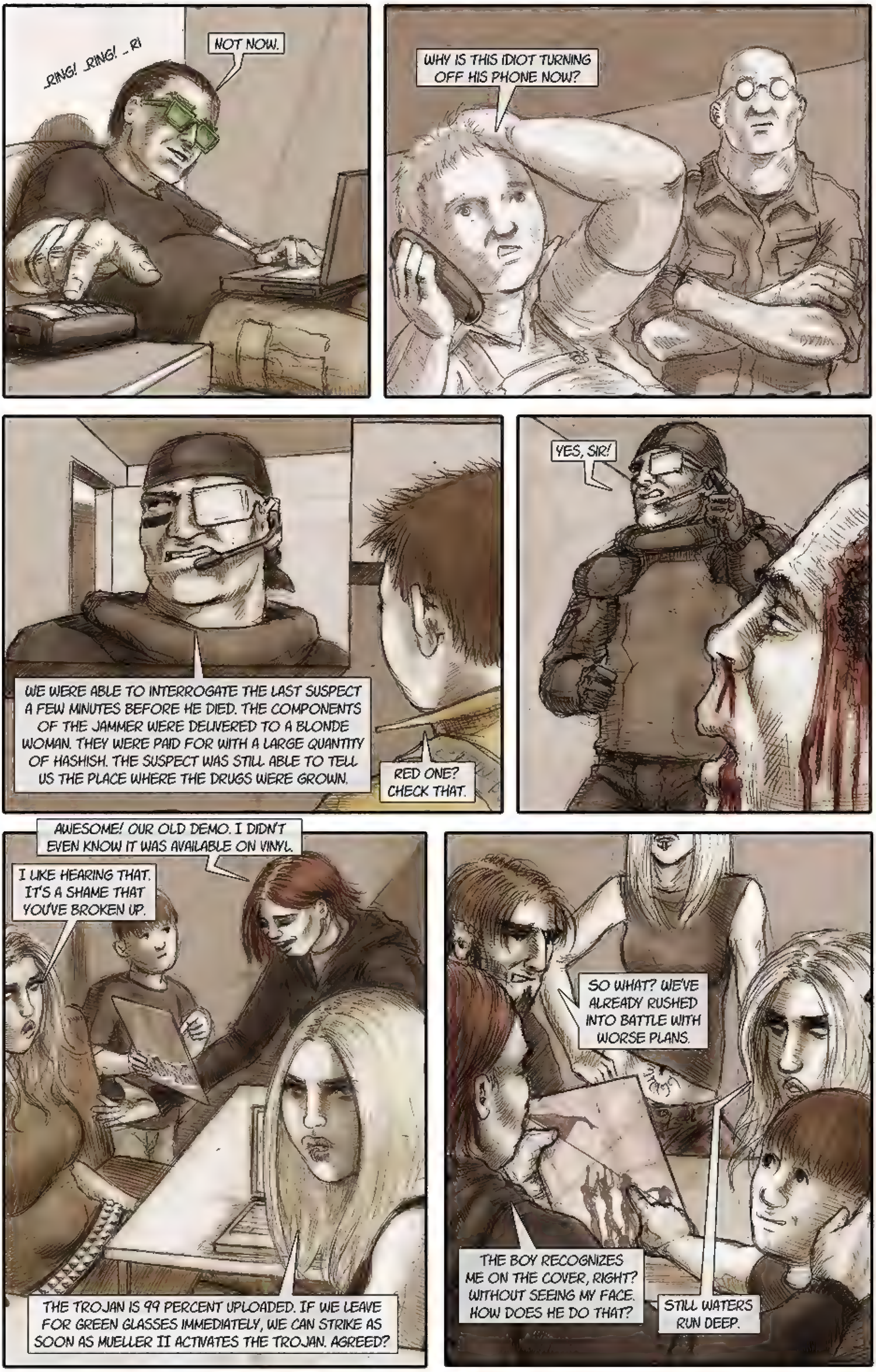

ALWAYS THE DAMN BANANA! YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITH THAT.
(HYSTERICAL) I WANTED THE TARGET ALIVE!!!
ONE IS STILL ALIVE.

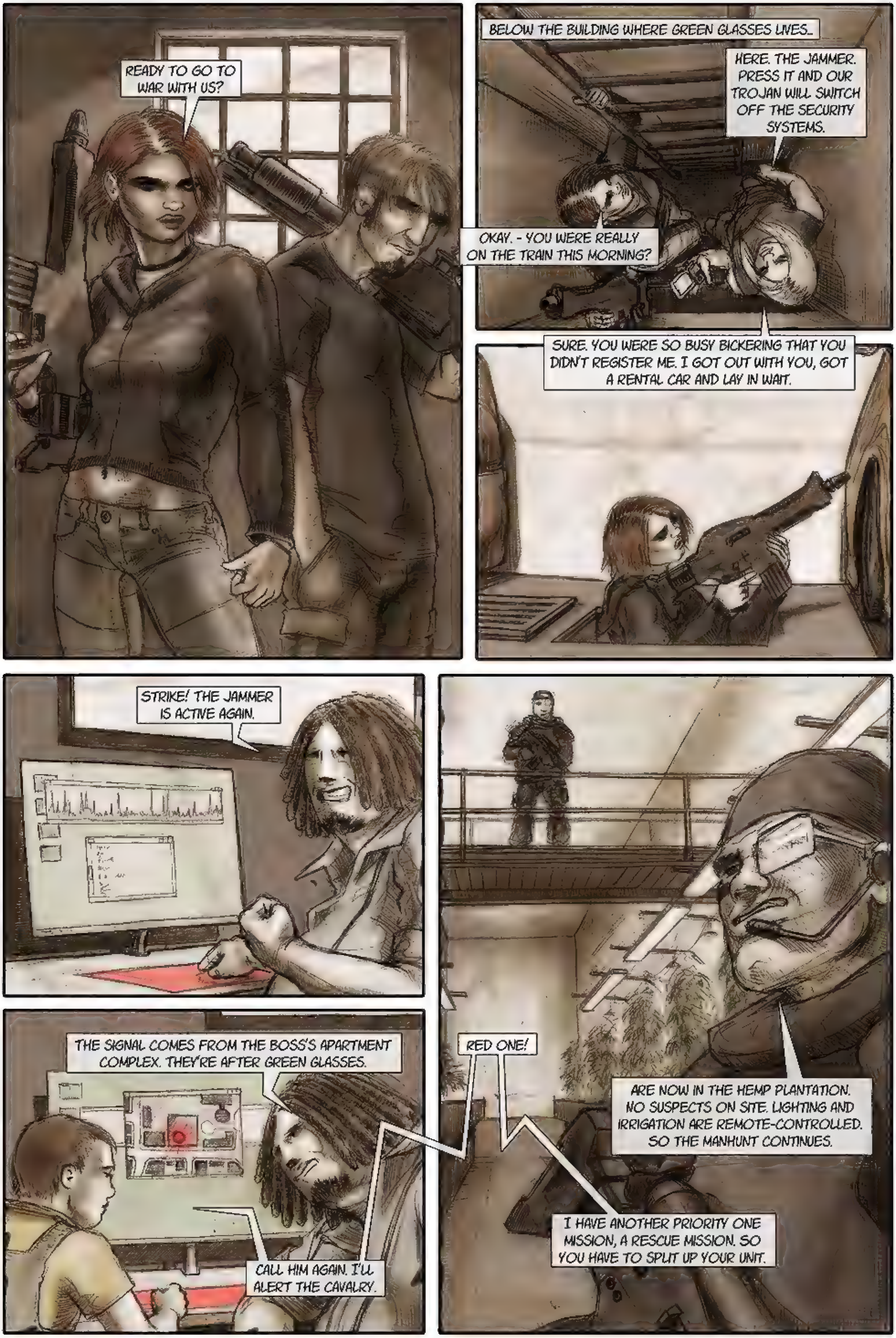

THIS TIME I CAN WIN. OUT OF THE WAY!

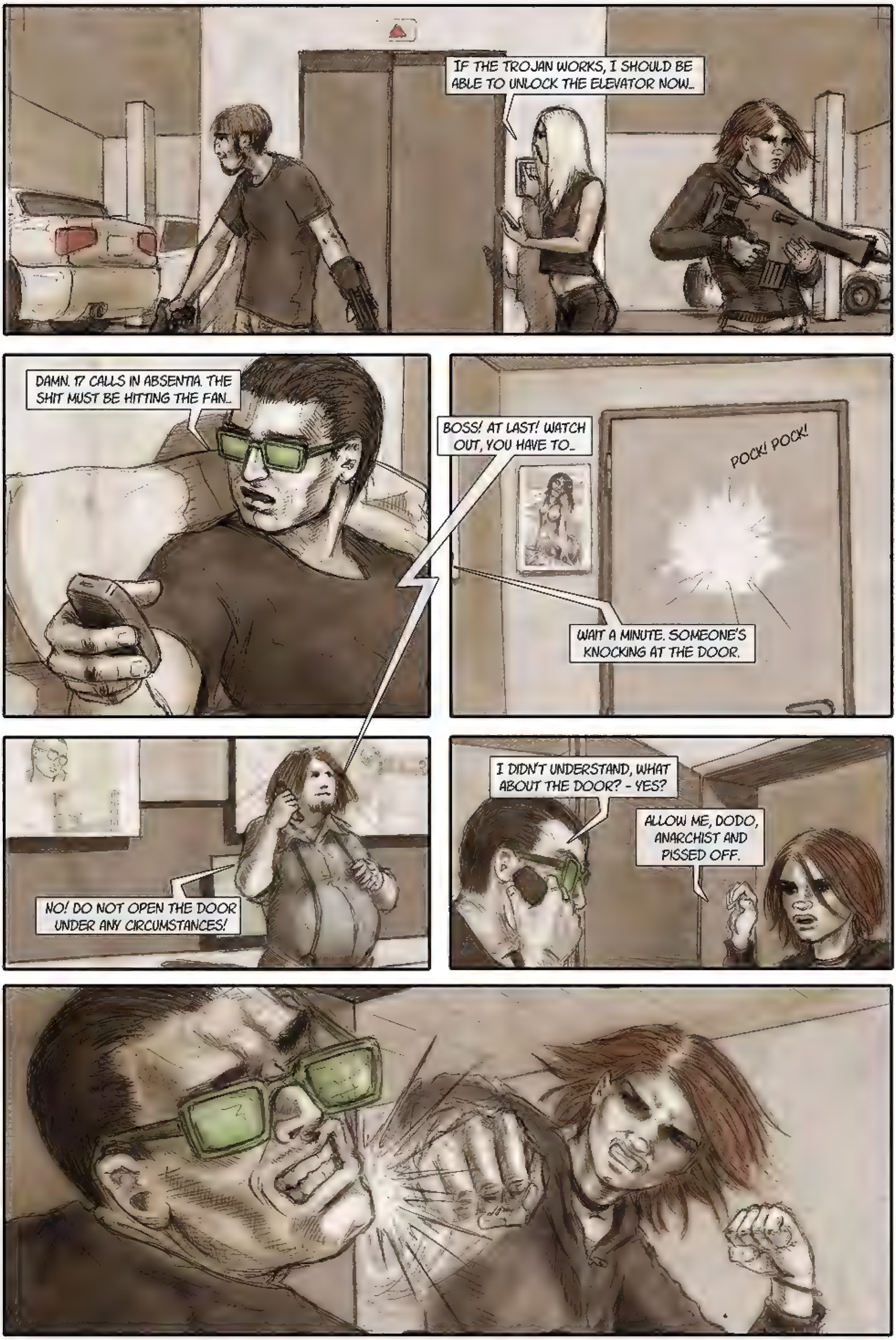

YOU PROBABLY WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE FOR IT RIGHT AWAY, DON'T YOU?
OF COURSE NOT! WE DON'T HAVE ANY NEW IDENTITIES AND DON'T KNOW ANYONE HERE. HOW FAR WOULD WE GET? BESIDES, THINK OF THE DOPE! LET'S PLAY ALONG WITH THE URBAN GUERRILLA IF WE GET A SHARE OF THE DOPE SALES IN RETURN.

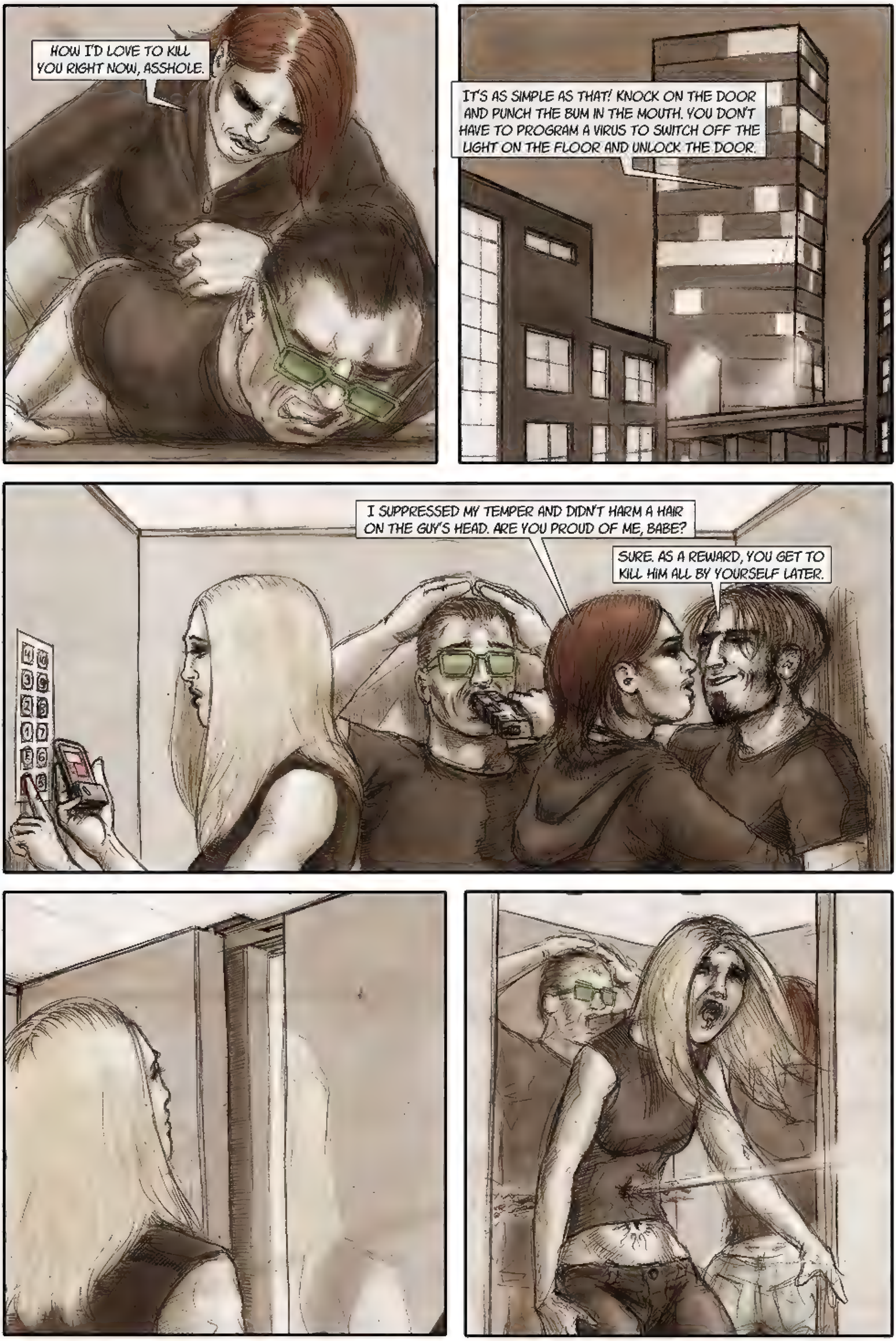

OUR FIRST GOAL IS TO LIFT THE CENSORSHIP OF THE INTERNET. WE HAVE BEEN COLLECTING BAD NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR YEARS, BUT WE CAN'T GET IT OUT TO THE PEOPLE BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS IMMEDIATELY BLOCKED.
TO LIFT THE BLOCKADE, WE NEED AN ALPHA-2 AUTHORIZATION. THE ONLY SECRET SERVICE AGENT HERE WITH SUCH A HIGH LEVEL OF SECURITY IS AN AGENT CALLED GREEN GLASSES.
WE HAPPEN TO KNOW HIM.

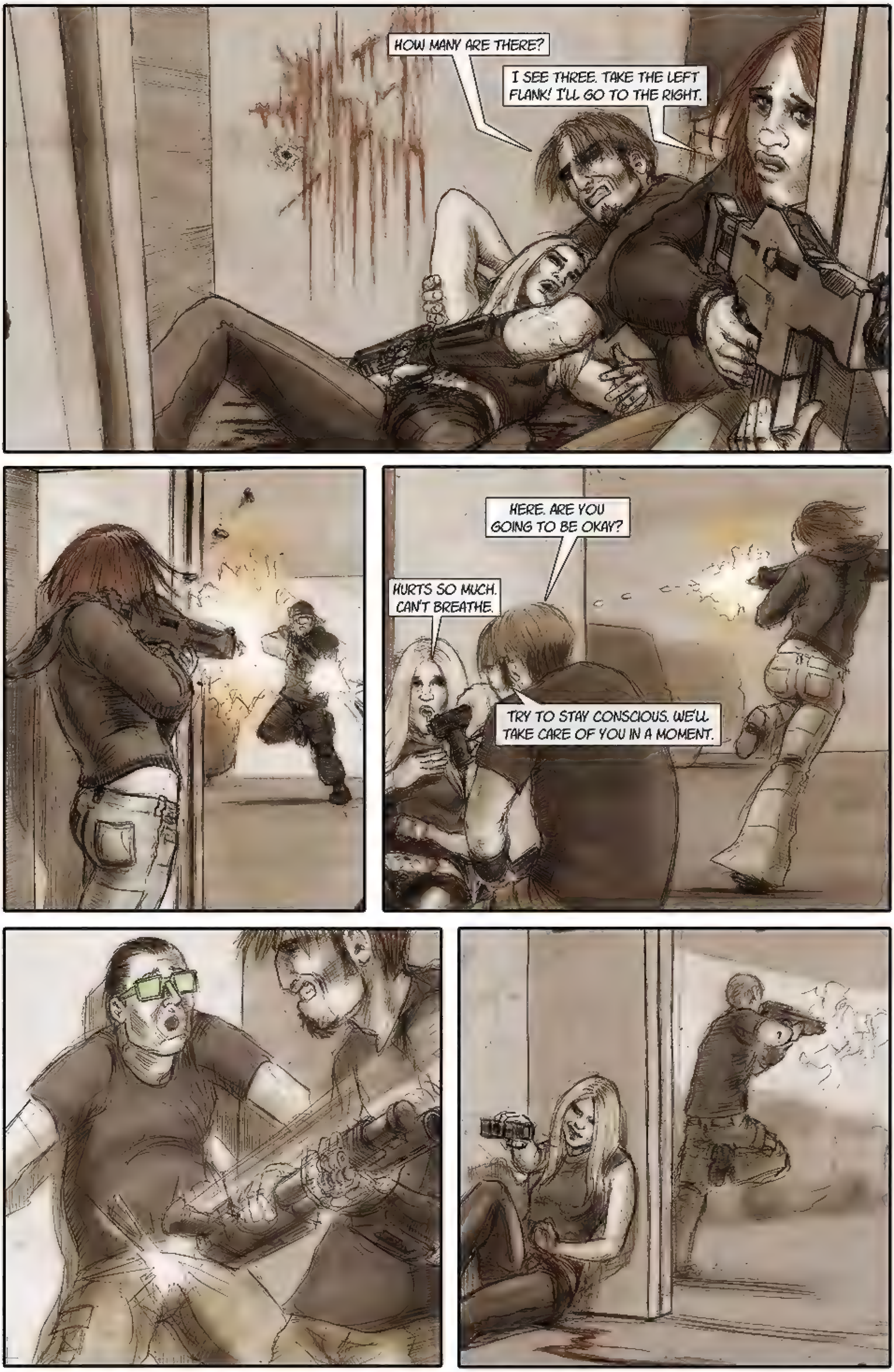

WELL, KIDDO? YOU STAY OUT OF THE STRATEGY MEETINGS TOO. JUST LIKE ME, RIGHT?
WE TRIED FOR MONTHS TO GET OUR HANDS ON GREEN GLASSES. NO CHANCE!
I CHATTED HIM UP ON THE TRAIN...
NO. THE SEAT IS NOT FREE.
...INVITED HIM FOR A COFFEE.
THANKS FOR THE COFFEE. AND GOODBYE.
HELLO?!?
WE PUT VARIOUS SEX WORKERS ONTO HIM. WITHOUT SUCCESS.
COMPLETELY SHY IN THE REAL WORLD, HE IS ALL THE MORE TALKATIVE ONLINE.
AS SOON AS HE IS IN HIS APARTMENT, HE LOGS INTO SEVERAL DATING PLATFORMS AS LONGDONGSILVER.
HI. LONG DONG IS ONLINE. WHO ELSE?
IT TOOK OVER A YEAR TO IDENTIFY HIM HERE AND MAKE CONTACT.
NOW WE SEND HIM A PROGRAM LINE OF A TROJAN WITH EVERY CHAT, WHICH GRADUALLY SPREADS THROUGH THE SECURITY SYSTEM OF HIS HOME.
ONCE THE TROJAN HAS BEEN FULLY TRANSFERRED AND MUELLER II ACTIVATES IT, WE HAVE 20 MINUTES TO BREAK INTO THE HOUSE AND KIDNAP GREEN GLASSES BEFORE THE SECURITY SYSTEM SOUNDS THE ALARM.
I SEE. HE'S ONLINE AND WANTS TO TALK.

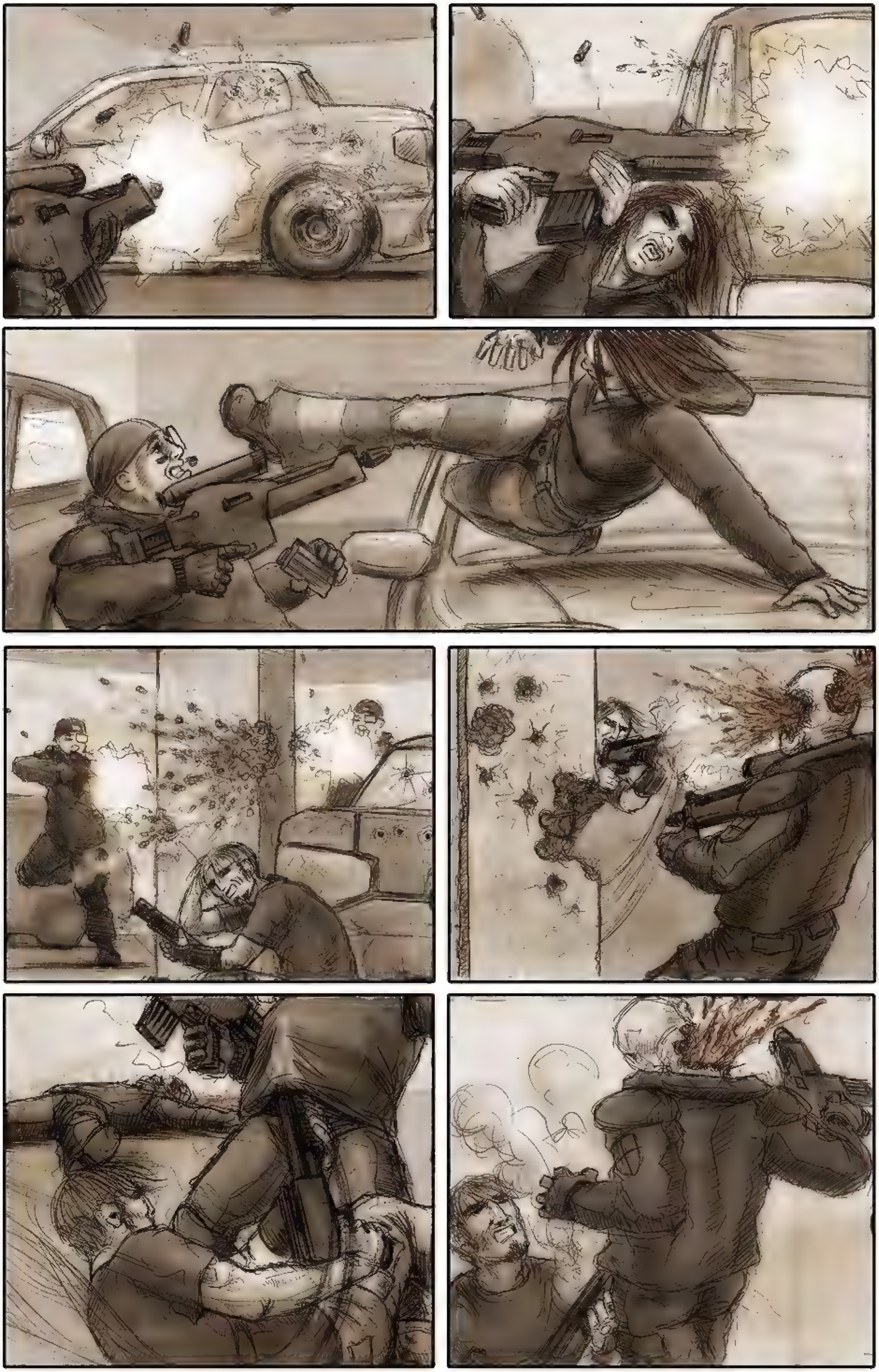

..RING! ..RING! ..RI
NOT NOW.
WHY IS THIS IDIOT TURNING OFF HIS PHONE NOW?
WE WERE ABLE TO INTERROGATE THE LAST SUSPECT A FEW MINUTES BEFORE HE DIED. THE COMPONENTS OF THE JAMMER WERE DELIVERED TO A BLONDE WOMAN. THEY WERE PAID FOR WITH A LARGE QUANTITY OF HASHISH. THE SUSPECT WAS STILL ABLE TO TELL US THE PLACE WHERE THE DRUGS WERE GROWN.
RED ONE? CHECK THAT.
YES, SIR!
AWESOME! OUR OLD DEMO. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT WAS AVAILABLE ON VINYL.
I LIKE HEARING THAT. IT'S A SHAME THAT YOU'VE BROKEN UP.
THE TROJAN IS 99 PERCENT UPLOADED. IF WE LEAVE FOR GREEN GLASSES IMMEDIATELY, WE CAN STRIKE AS SOON AS MUELLER II ACTIVATES THE TROJAN. AGREED?
SO WHAT? WE'VE ALREADY RUSHED INTO BATTLE WITH WORSE PLANS.
THE BOY RECOGNIZES ME ON THE COVER, RIGHT? WITHOUT SEEING MY FACE. HOW DOES HE DO THAT?
STILL WATERS RUN DEEP.

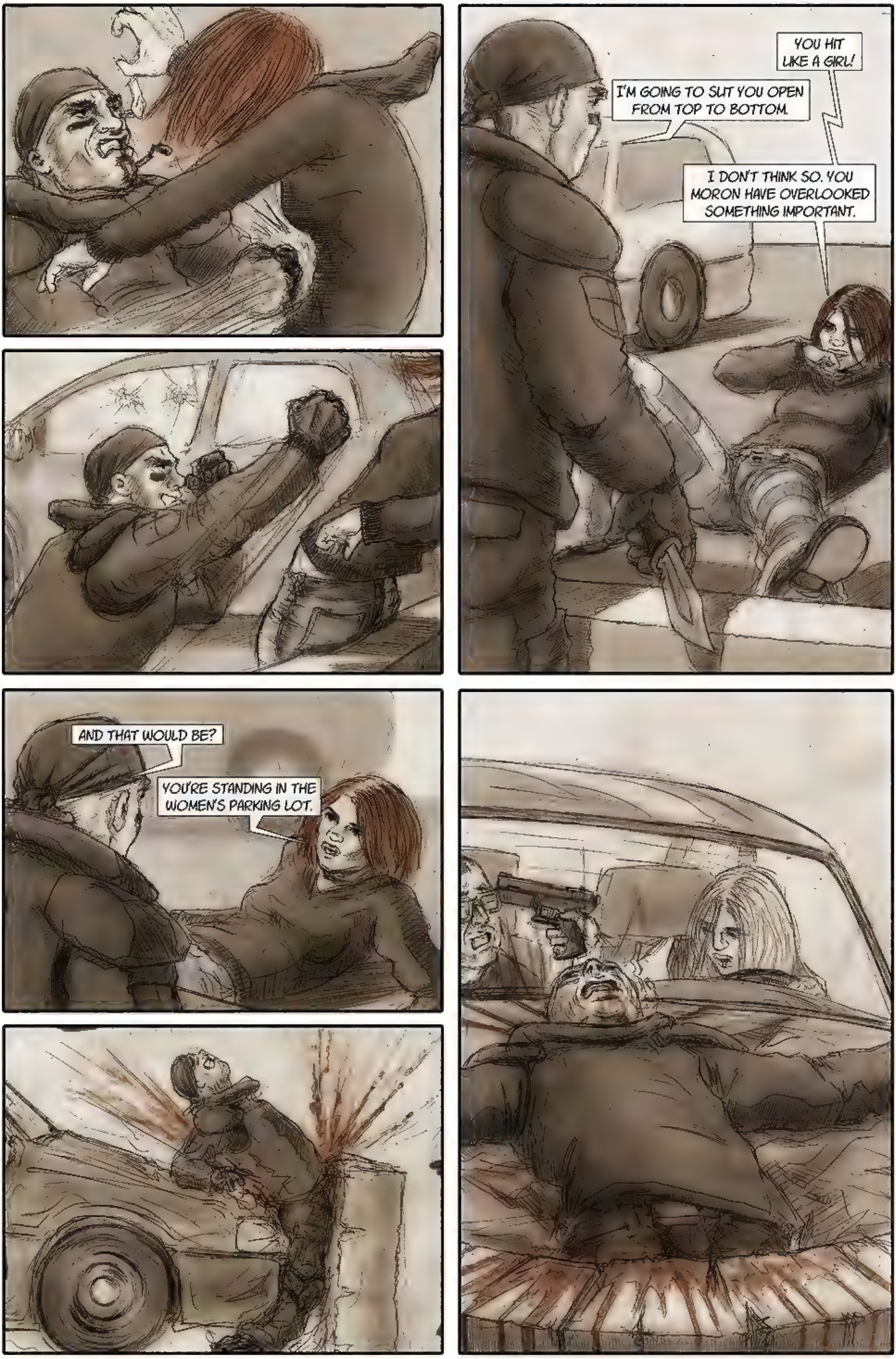

READY TO GO TO WAR WITH US?
BELOW THE BUILDING WHERE GREEN GLASSES LIVES...
HERE. THE JAMMER. PRESS IT AND OUR TROJAN WILL SWITCH OFF THE SECURITY SYSTEMS.
OKAY. - YOU WERE REALLY ON THE TRAIN THIS MORNING?
SURE. YOU WERE SO BUSY BICKERING THAT YOU DIDN'T REGISTER ME. I GOT OUT WITH YOU, GOT A RENTAL CAR AND LAY IN WAIT.
STRIKE! THE JAMMER IS ACTIVE AGAIN.
THE SIGNAL COMES FROM THE BOSS'S APARTMENT COMPLEX. THEY'RE AFTER GREEN GLASSES.
CALL HIM AGAIN. I'LL ALERT THE CAVALRY.
RED ONE!
ARE NOW IN THE HEMP PLANTATION. NO SUSPECTS ON SITE. LIGHTING AND IRRIGATION ARE REMOTE-CONTROLLED. SO THE MANHUNT CONTINUES.
I HAVE ANOTHER PRIORITY ONE MISSION, A RESCUE MISSION. SO YOU HAVE TO SPLIT UP YOUR UNIT.

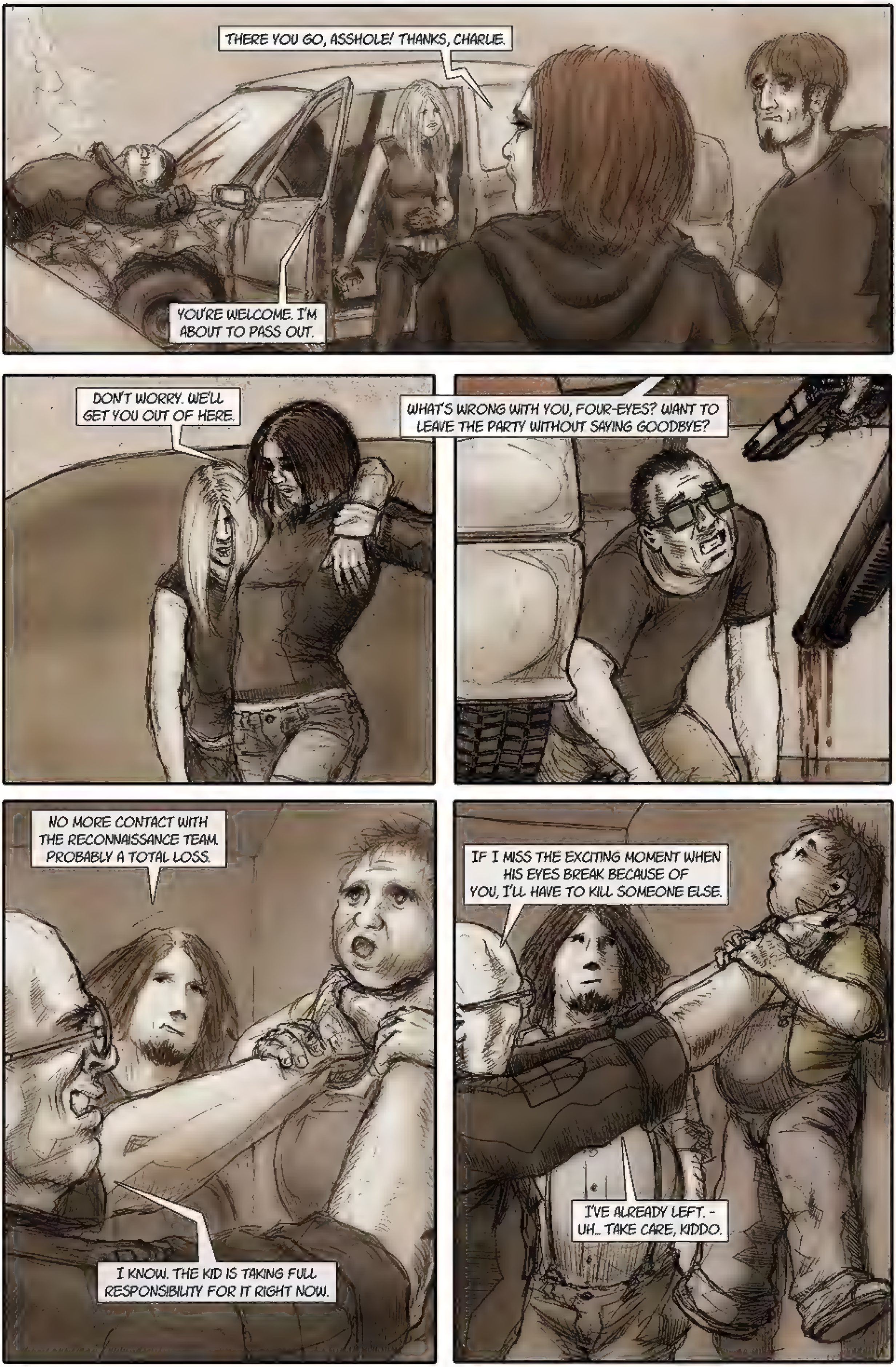

IF THE TROJAN WORKS, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO UNLOCK THE ELEVATOR NOW...
DAMN. 17 CALLS IN ABSENTIA. THE SHIT MUST BE HITTING THE FAN...
BOSS! AT LAST! WATCH OUT, YOU HAVE TO...
POCK! POCK!
WAIT A MINUTE. SOMEONE'S KNOCKING AT THE DOOR.
NO! DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND, WHAT ABOUT THE DOOR? - YES?
ALLOW ME, DODO, ANARCHIST AND PISSED OFF.

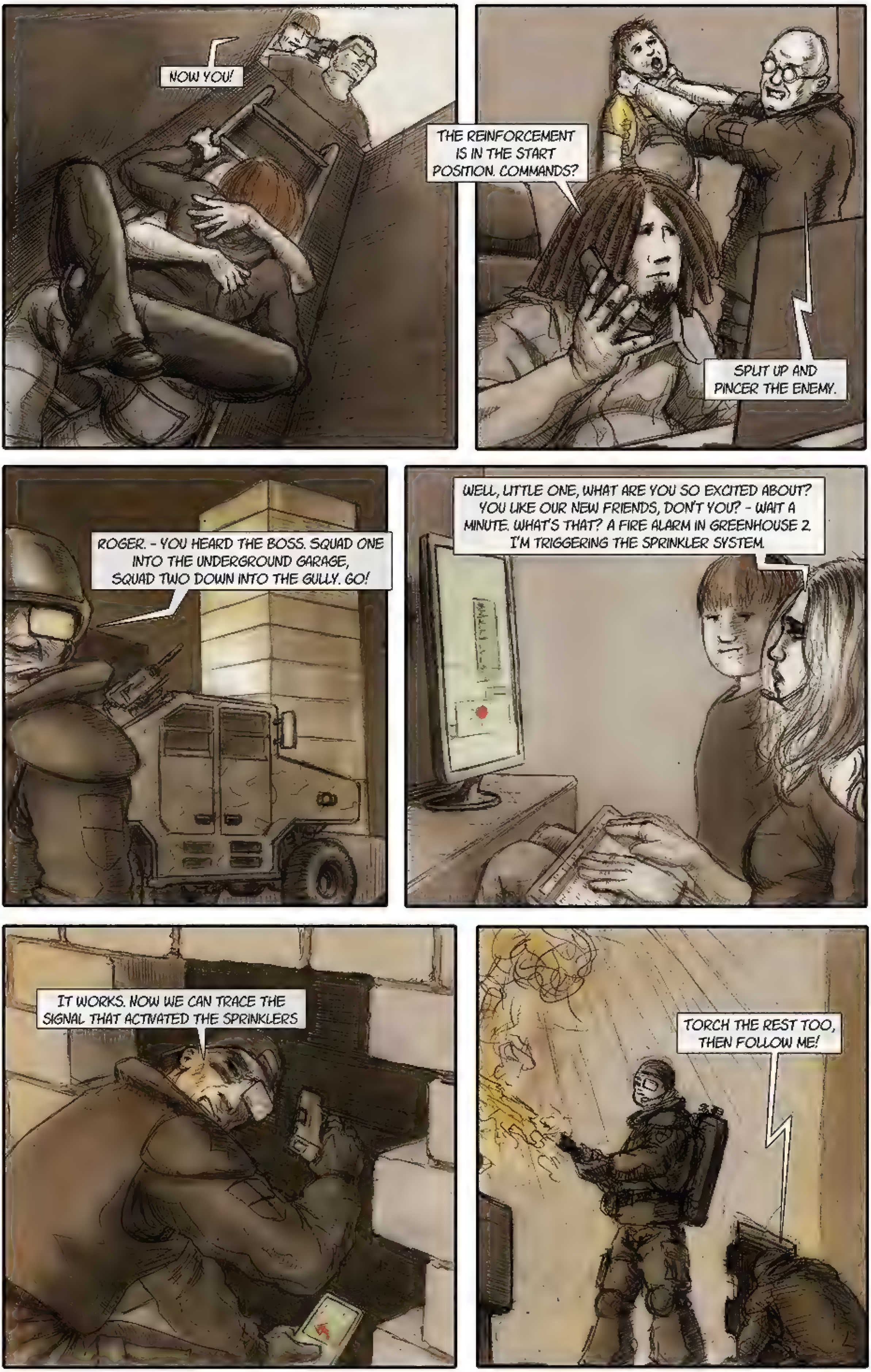

HOW I'D LOVE TO KILL YOU RIGHT NOW, ASSHOLE.
IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT! KNOCK ON THE DOOR AND PUNCH THE BUM IN THE MOUTH. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PROGRAM A VIRUS TO SWITCH OFF THE LIGHT ON THE FLOOR AND UNLOCK THE DOOR.
I SUPPRESSED MY TEMPER AND DIDN'T HARM A HAIR ON THE GUY'S HEAD. ARE YOU PROUD OF ME, BABE?
SURE. AS A REWARD, YOU GET TO KILL HIM ALL BY YOURSELF LATER.

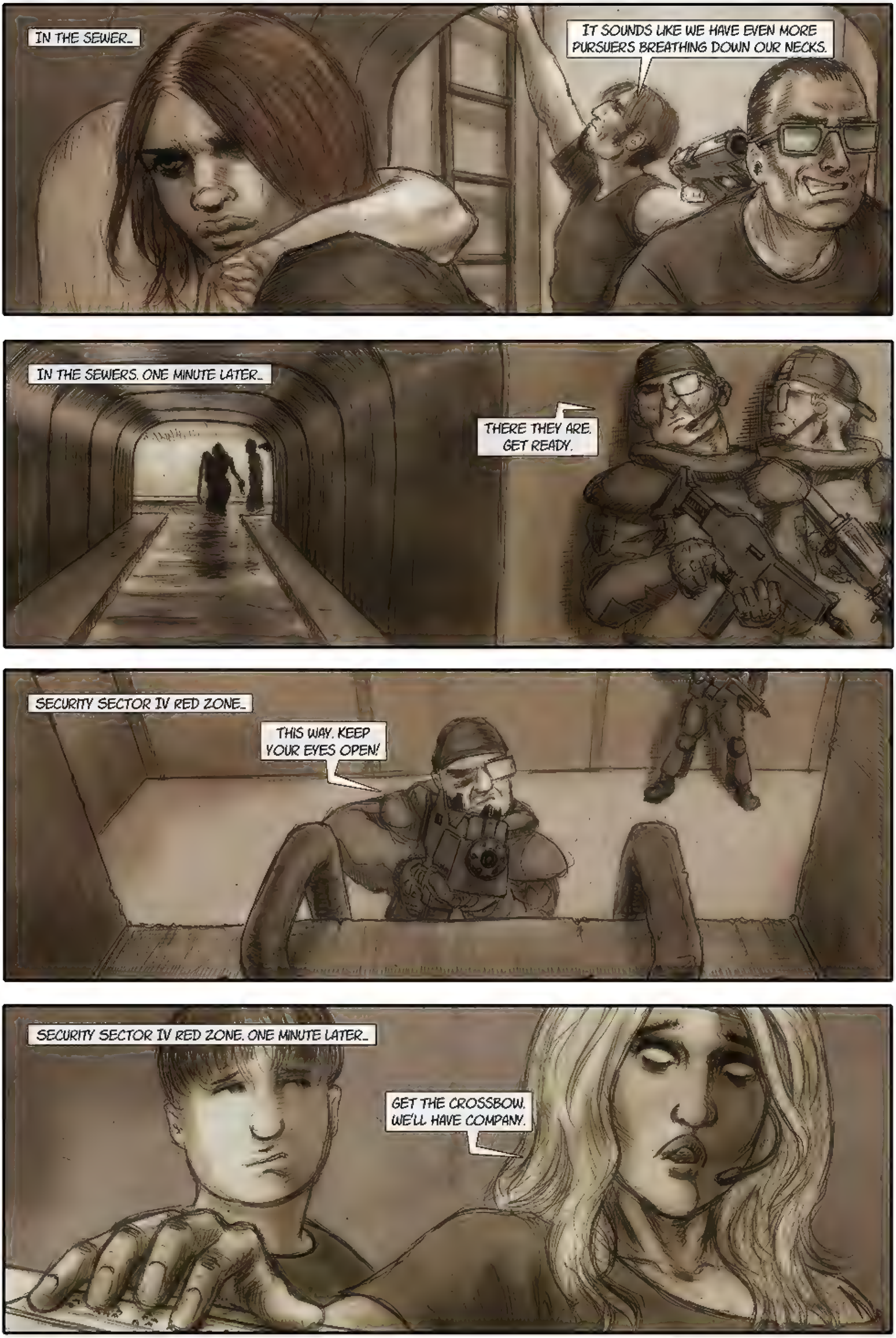

HOW MANY ARE THERE?
I SEE THREE. TAKE THE LEFT FLANK! I'LL GO TO THE RIGHT.
HERE. ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY?
HURTS SO MUCH. CAN'T BREATHE.
TRY TO STAY CONSCIOUS. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU IN A MOMENT.




YOU HIT LIKE A GIRL!
I'M GOING TO SLIT YOU OPEN FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.
I DON'T THINK SO. YOU MORON HAVE OVERLOOKED SOMETHING IMPORTANT.
AND THAT WOULD BE?
YOU'RE STANDING IN THE WOMEN'S PARKING LOT.


THERE YOU GO, ASSHOLE! THANKS, CHARLIE.
YOU'RE WELCOME. I'M ABOUT TO PASS OUT.
DON'T WORRY. WE'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, FOUR-EYES? WANT TO LEAVE THE PARTY WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYE?
NO MORE CONTACT WITH THE RECONNAISSANCE TEAM. PROBABLY A TOTAL LOSS.
I KNOW. THE KID IS TAKING FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT RIGHT NOW.
IF I MISS THE EXCITING MOMENT WHEN HIS EYES BREAK BECAUSE OF YOU, I'LL HAVE TO KILL SOMEONE ELSE.
I'VE ALREADY LEFT. - UH... TAKE CARE, KIDDO.


NOW YOU!
THE REINFORCEMENT IS IN THE START POSITION. COMMANDS?
SPLIT UP AND PINCER THE ENEMY.
ROGER. - YOU HEARD THE BOSS. SQUAD ONE INTO THE UNDERGROUND GARAGE, SQUAD TWO DOWN INTO THE GULLY. GO!
WELL, LITTLE ONE, WHAT ARE YOU SO EXCITED ABOUT? YOU LIKE OUR NEW FRIENDS, DON'T YOU? - WAIT A MINUTE. WHAT'S THAT? A FIRE ALARM IN GREENHOUSE 2. I'M TRIGGERING THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM.
IT WORKS. NOW WE CAN TRACE THE SIGNAL THAT ACTIVATED THE SPRINKLERS
TORCH THE REST TOO, THEN FOLLOW ME!


IN THE SEWER...
IT SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE EVEN MORE PURSUERS BREATHING DOWN OUR NECKS.
IN THE SEWERS. ONE MINUTE LATER...
THERE THEY ARE. GET READY.
SECURITY SECTOR IV RED ZONE...
THIS WAY. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!
SECURITY SECTOR IV RED ZONE. ONE MINUTE LATER...
GET THE CROSSBOW. WE'LL HAVE COMPANY.

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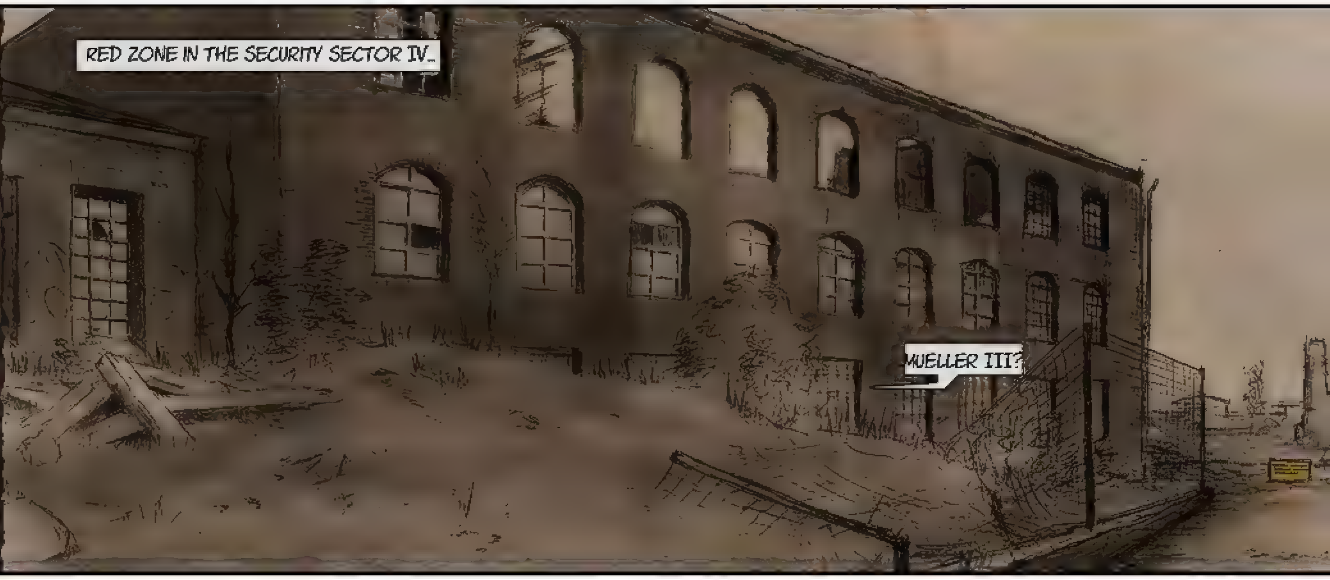
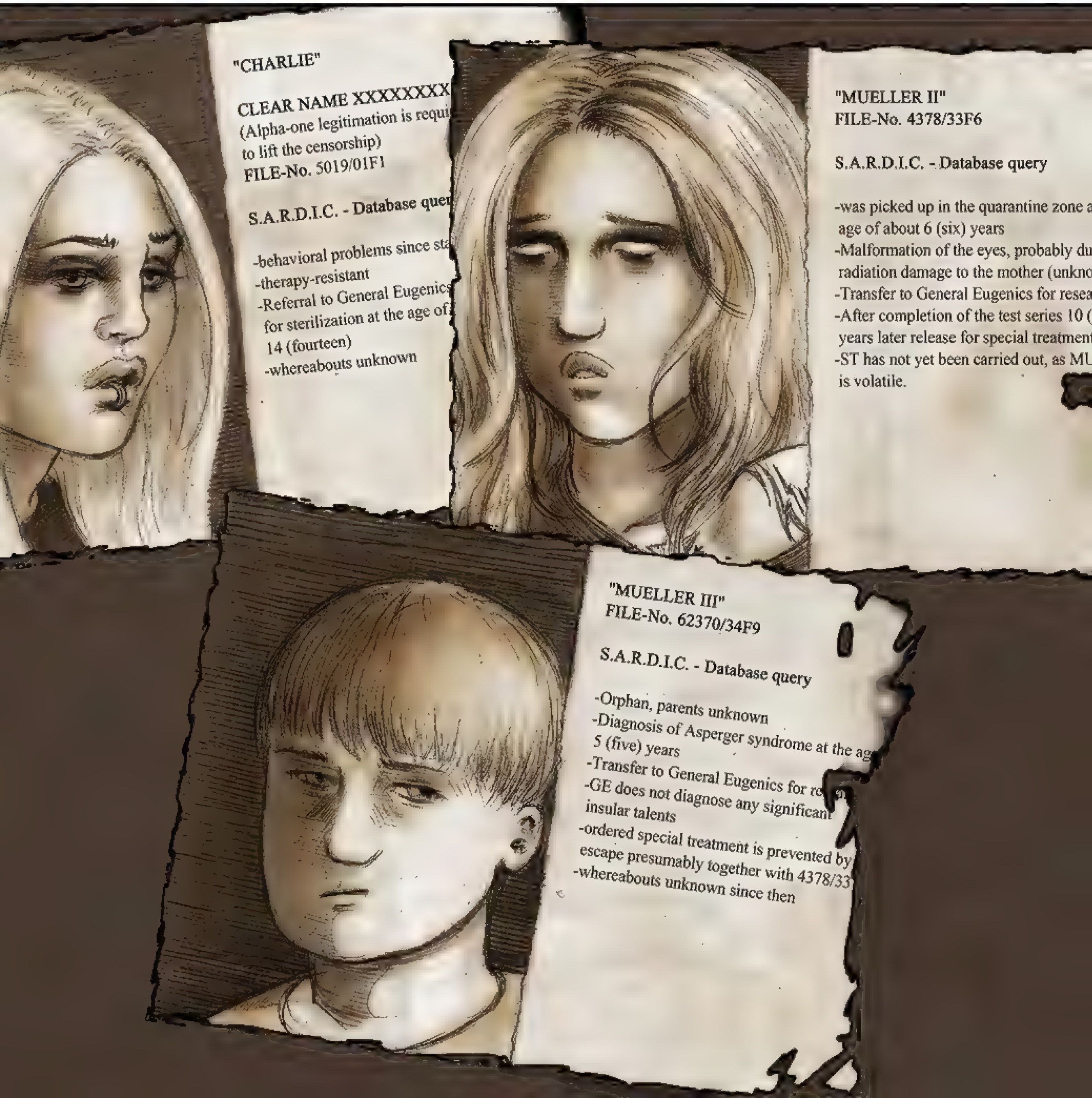

RED ZONE IN THE SECURITY SECTOR IV...
MUELLER III?



"CHARLIE"

CLEAR NAME XXXXXXXX
(Alpha-one legitimation is requi
to lift the censorship)
FILE-No. 5019/01F1

S.A.R.D.I.C. - Database quer

-behavioral problems since sta
-therapy-resistant
-Referral to General Eugenics
for sterilization at the age of
14 (fourteen)
-whereabouts unknown

"MUELLER II"
FILE-No. 4378/33F6

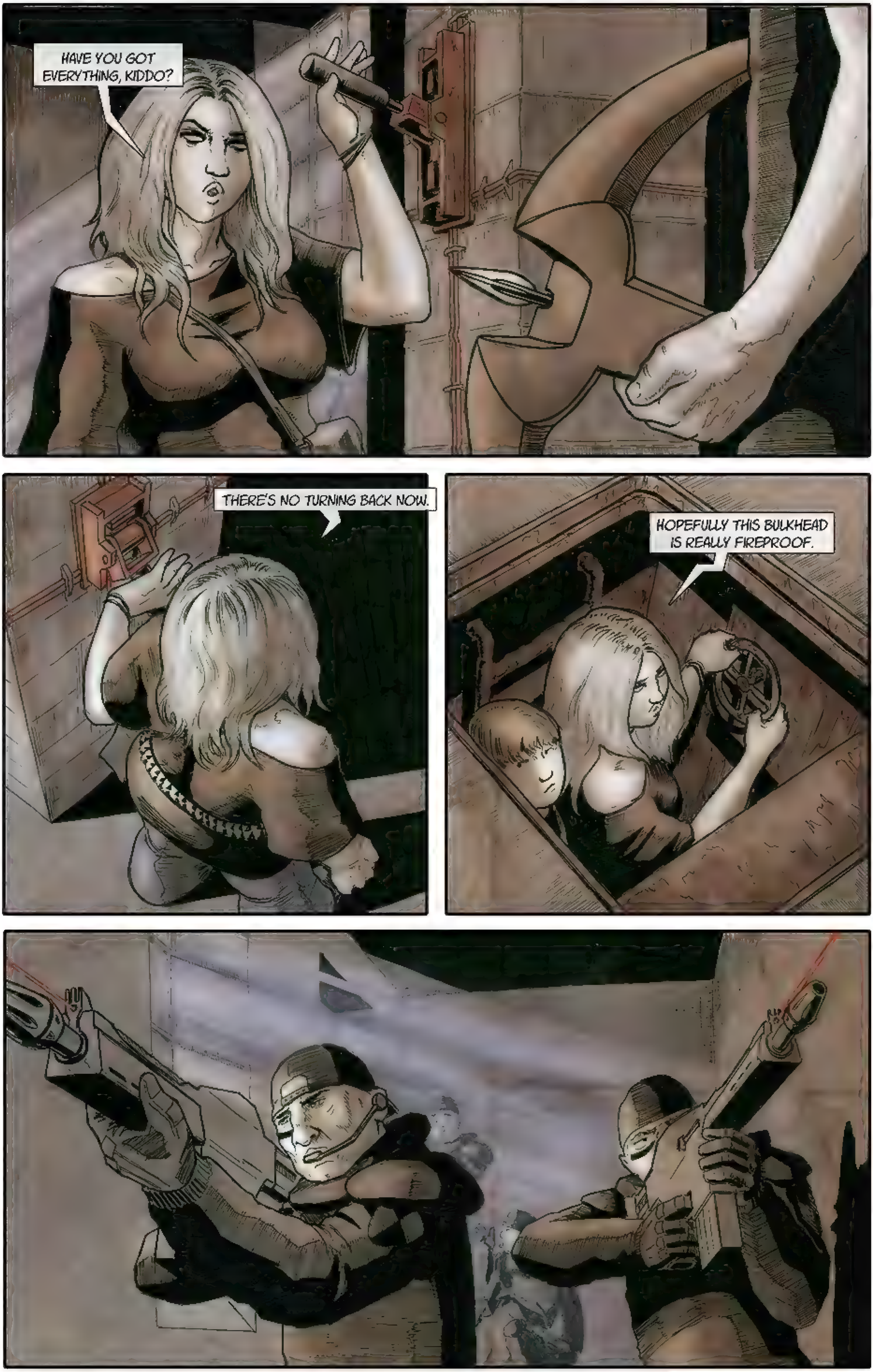
S.A.R.D.I.C. - Database query

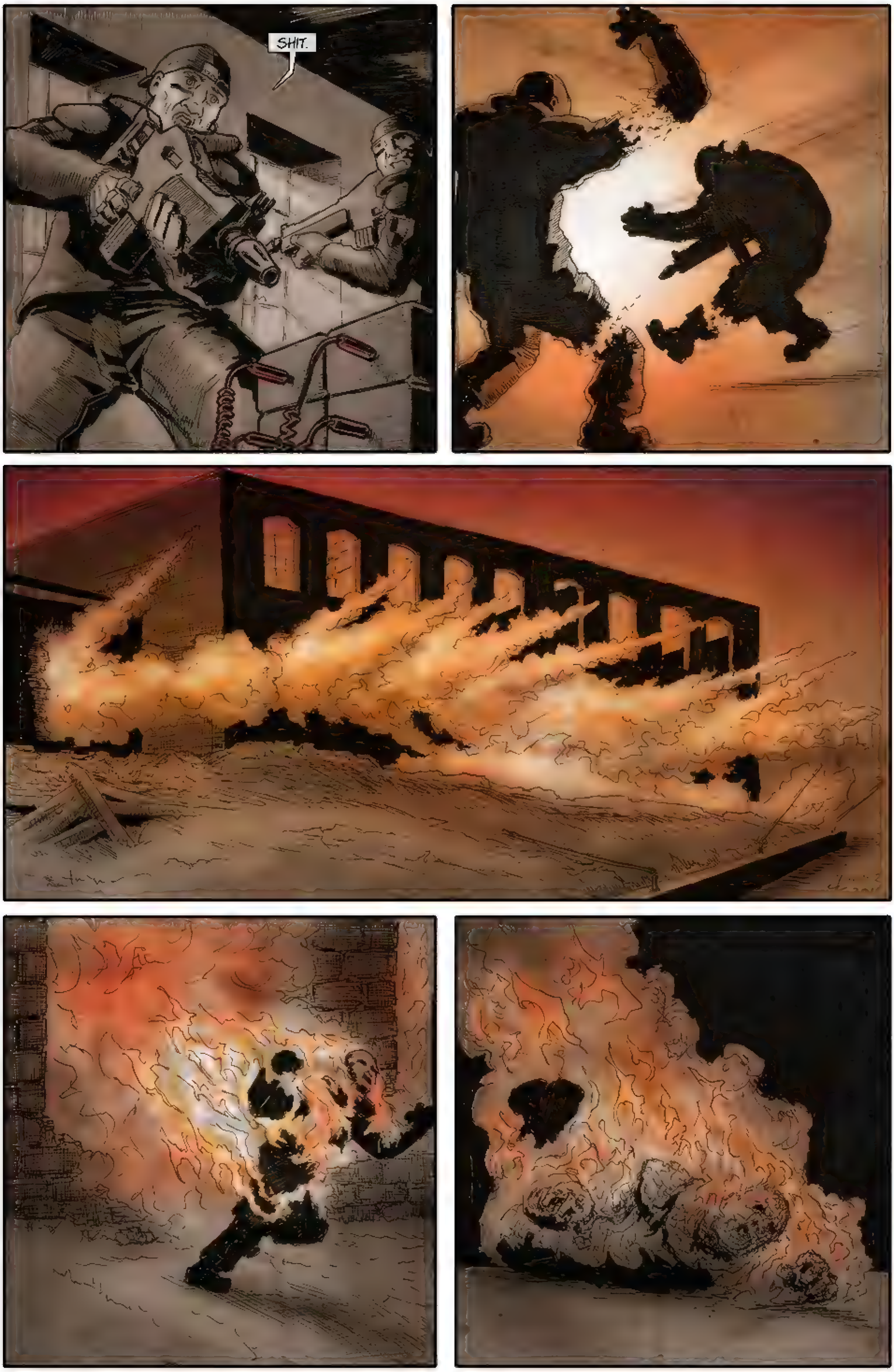
-was picked up in the quarantine zone a
age of about 6 (six) years
-Malformation of the eyes, probably du
radiation damage to the mother (unkno
-Transfer to General Eugenics for resea
-After completion of the test series 10 (
years later release for special treatment
-ST has not yet been carried out, as MU
is volatile.

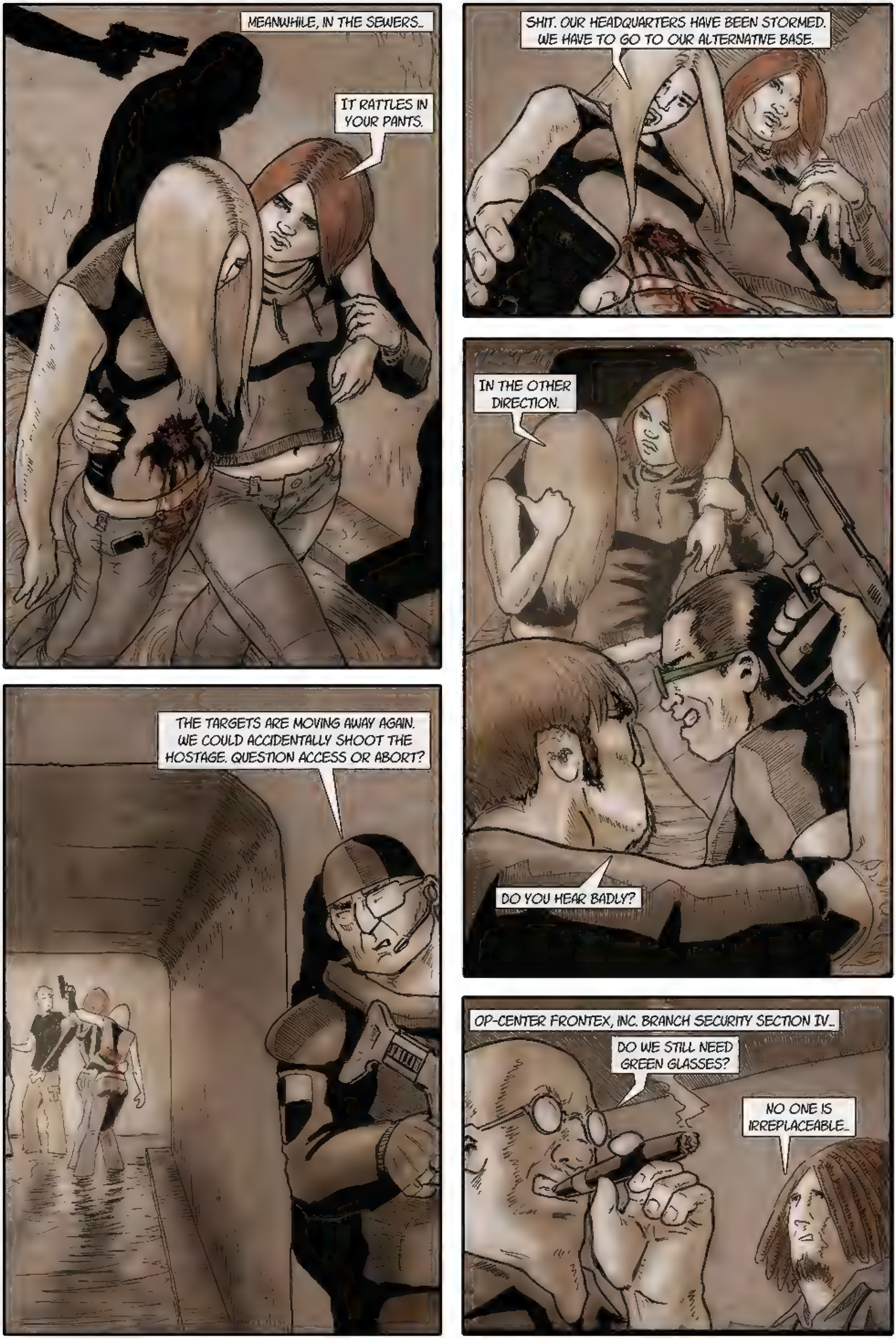
"MUELLER III"
FILE-No. 62370/34F9

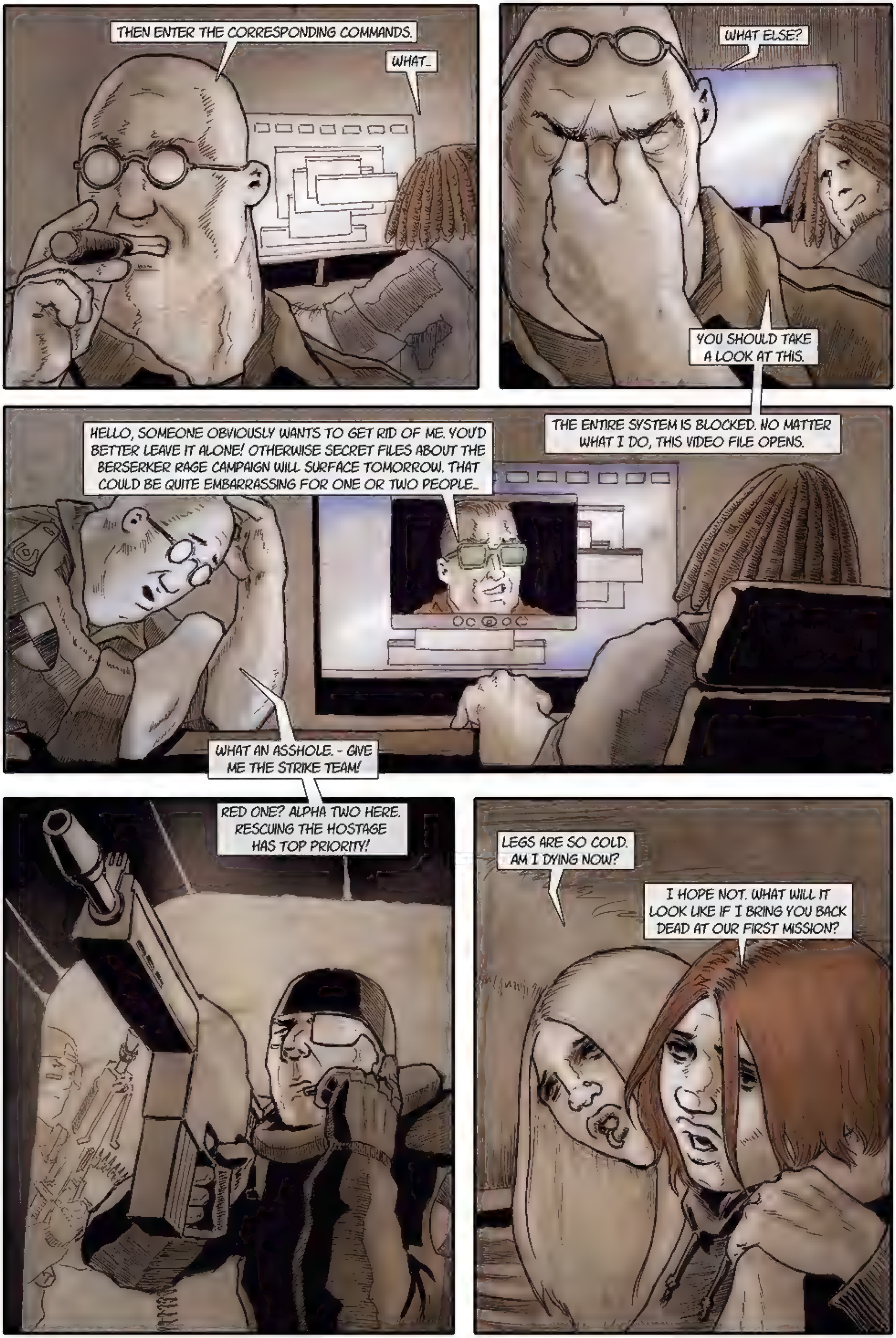
S.A.R.D.I.C. - Database query

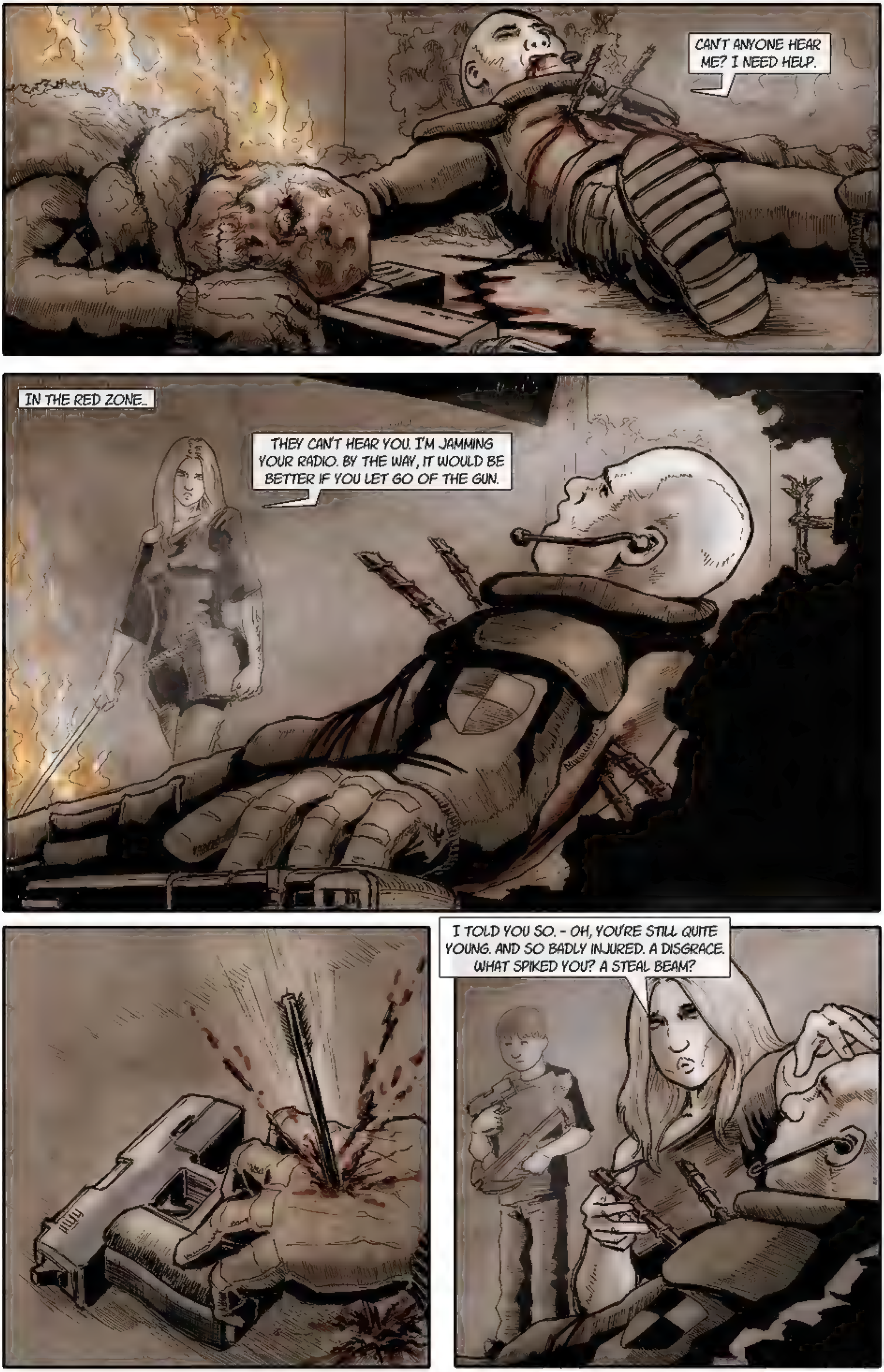
-Orphan, parents unknown
-Diagnosis of Asperger syndrome at the ag
5 (five) years
-Transfer to General Eugenics for re
-GE does not diagnose any significant
insular talents
-ordered special treatment is prevented by
escape presumably together with 4378/33
-whereabouts unknown since then

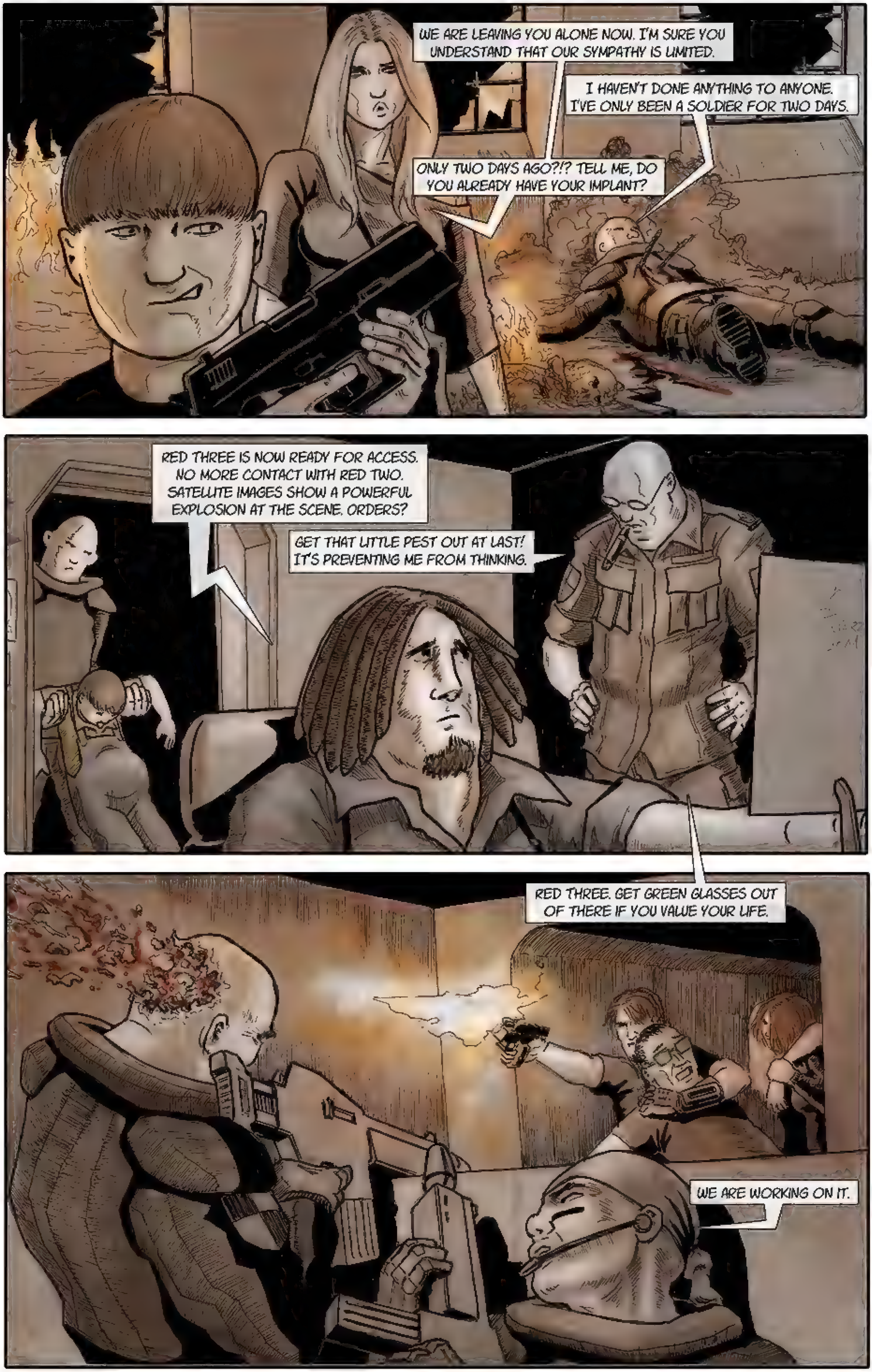

HAVE YOU GOT EVERYTHING, KIDDO?
THERE'S NO TURNING BACK NOW.
HOPEFULLY THIS BULKHEAD IS REALLY FIREPROOF.

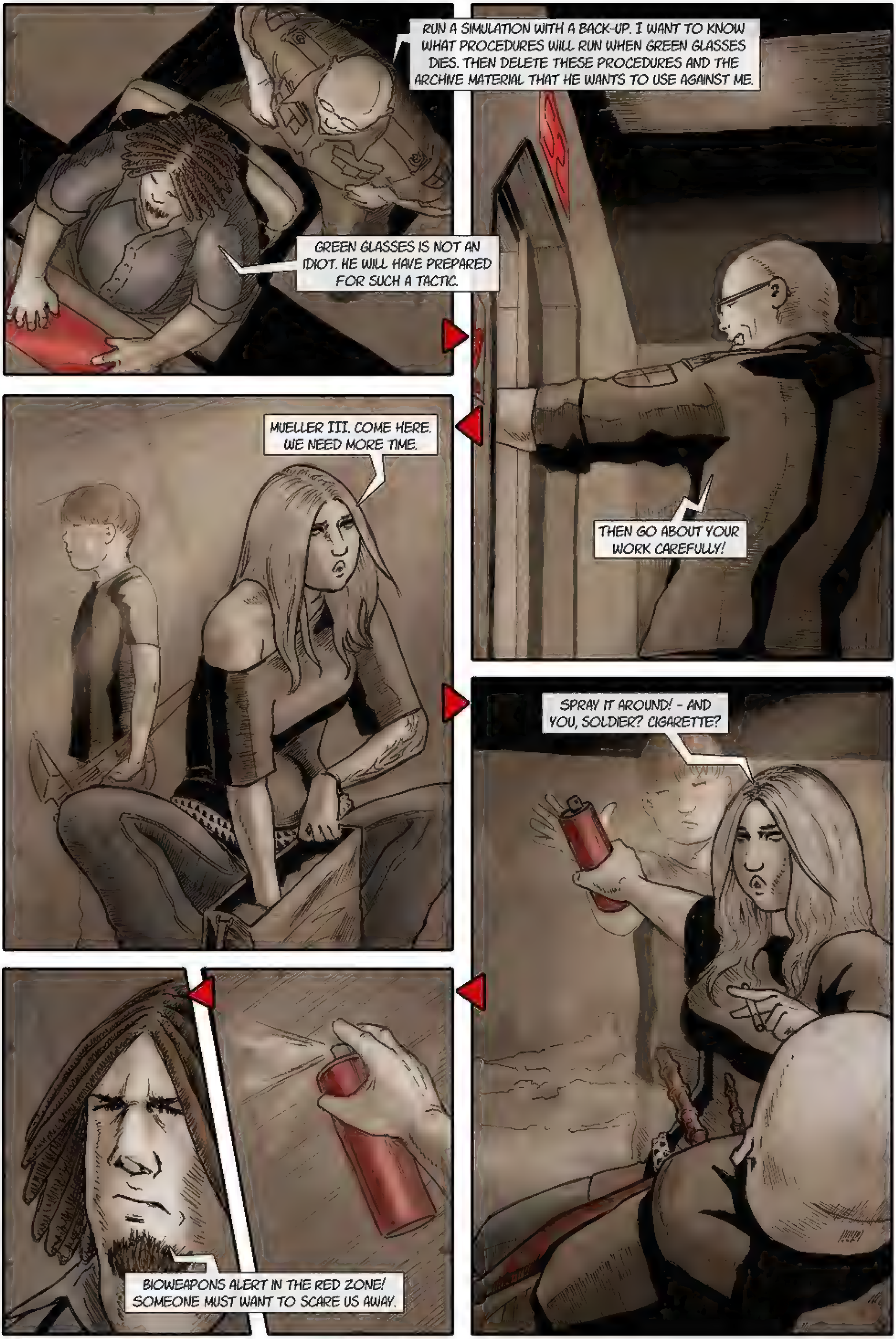

SHIT.

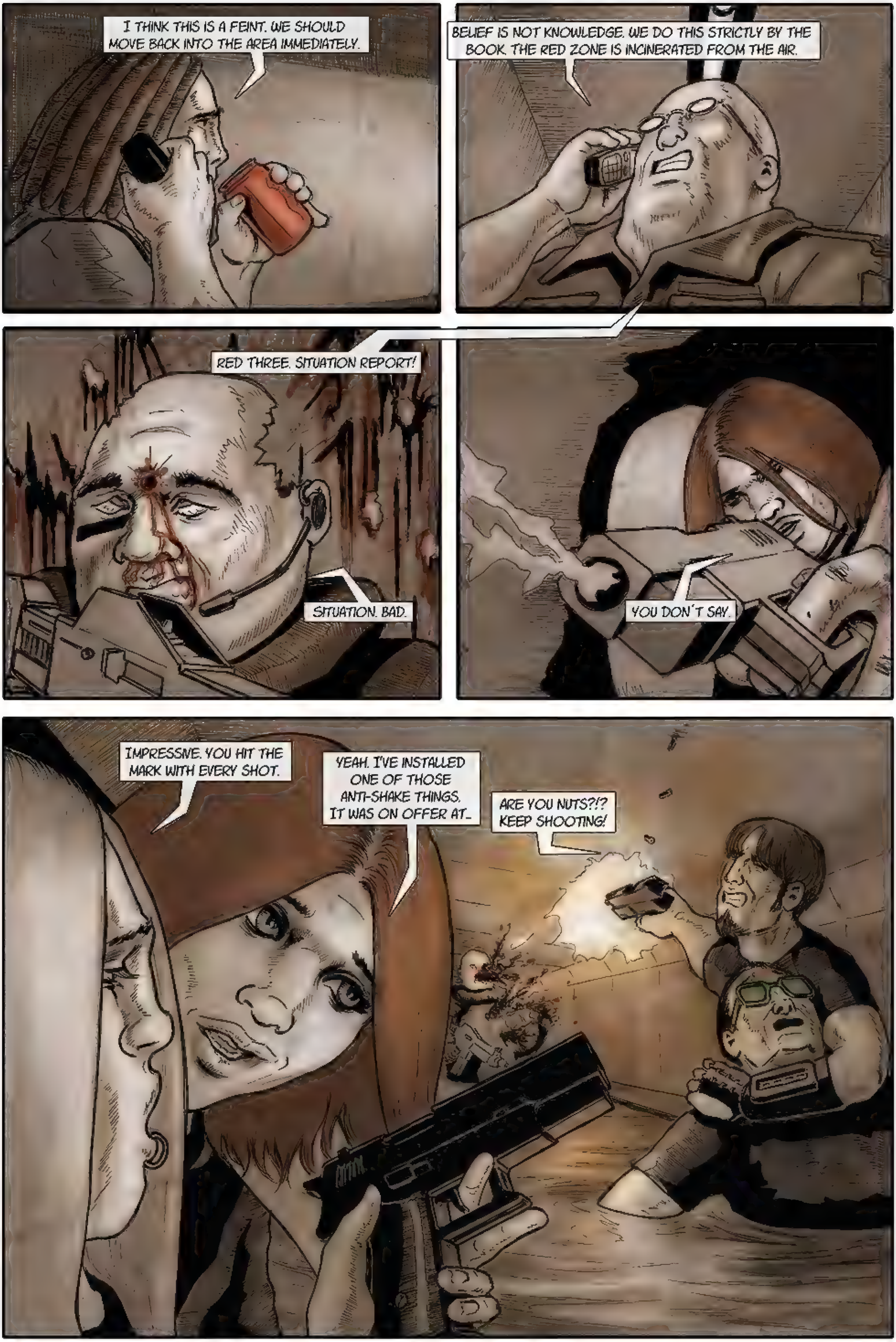

MEANWHILE, IN THE SEWERS...
IT RATTLES IN YOUR PANTS.
SHIT. OUR HEADQUARTERS HAVE BEEN STORMED. WE HAVE TO GO TO OUR ALTERNATIVE BASE.
IN THE OTHER DIRECTION.
DO YOU HEAR BADLY?
THE TARGETS ARE MOVING AWAY AGAIN. WE COULD ACCIDENTALLY SHOOT THE HOSTAGE. QUESTION ACCESS OR ABORT?
OP-CENTER FRONTEX, INC. BRANCH SECURITY SECTION IV...
DO WE STILL NEED GREEN GLASSES?
NO ONE IS IRREPLACEABLE...

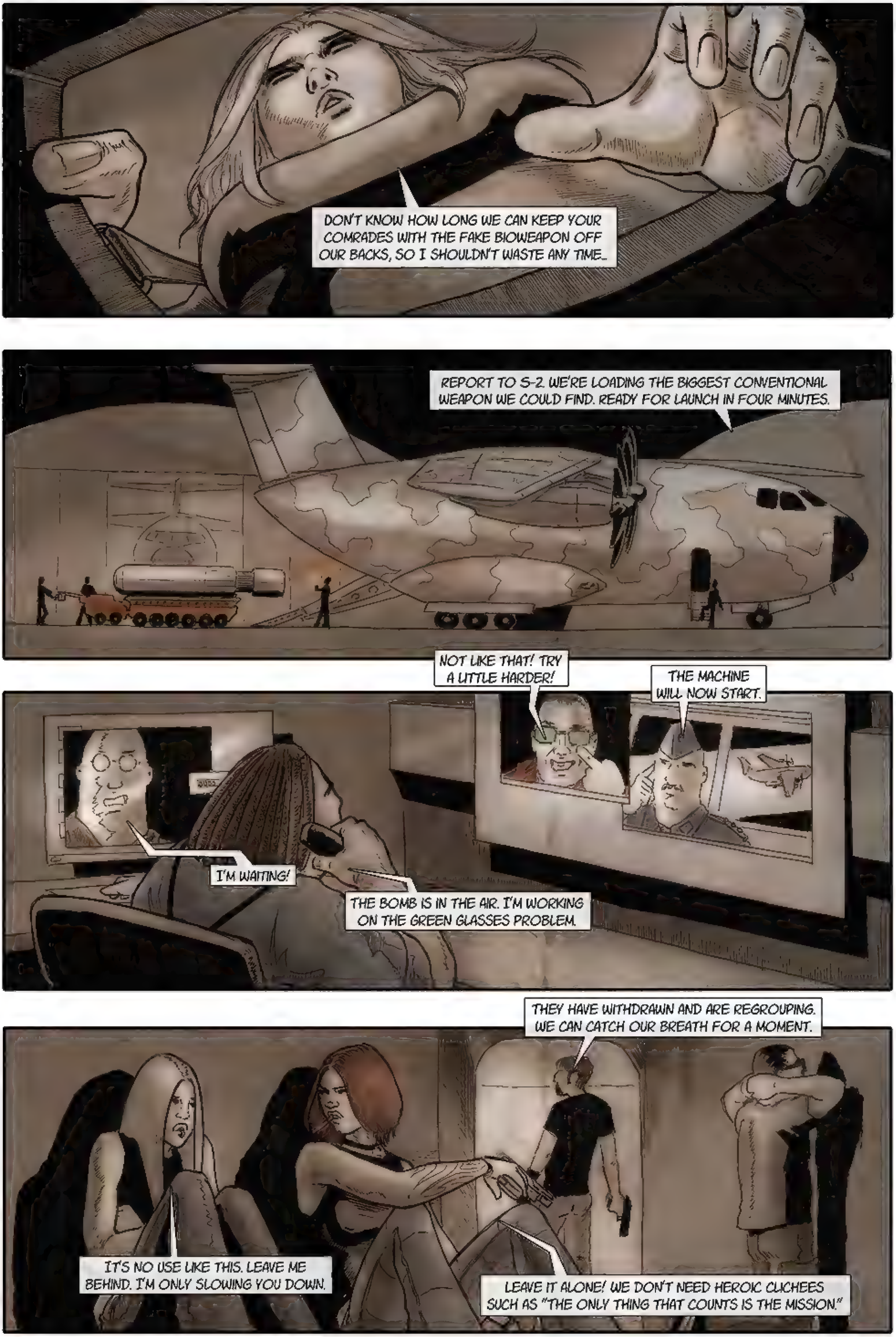

THEN ENTER THE CORRESPONDING COMMANDS.
WHAT...
WHAT ELSE?
YOU SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
THE ENTIRE SYSTEM IS BLOCKED. NO MATTER WHAT I DO, THIS VIDEO FILE OPENS.
HELLO, SOMEONE OBVIOUSLY WANTS TO GET RID OF ME. YOU'D BETTER LEAVE IT ALONE! OTHERWISE SECRET FILES ABOUT THE BERSERKER RAGE CAMPAIGN WILL SURFACE TOMORROW. THAT COULD BE QUITE EMBARRASSING FOR ONE OR TWO PEOPLE...
WHAT AN ASSHOLE. - GIVE ME THE STRIKE TEAM!
RED ONE? ALPHA TWO HERE. RESCUING THE HOSTAGE HAS TOP PRIORITY!
LEGS ARE SO COLD. AM I DYING NOW?
I HOPE NOT. WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE IF I BRING YOU BACK DEAD AT OUR FIRST MISSION?

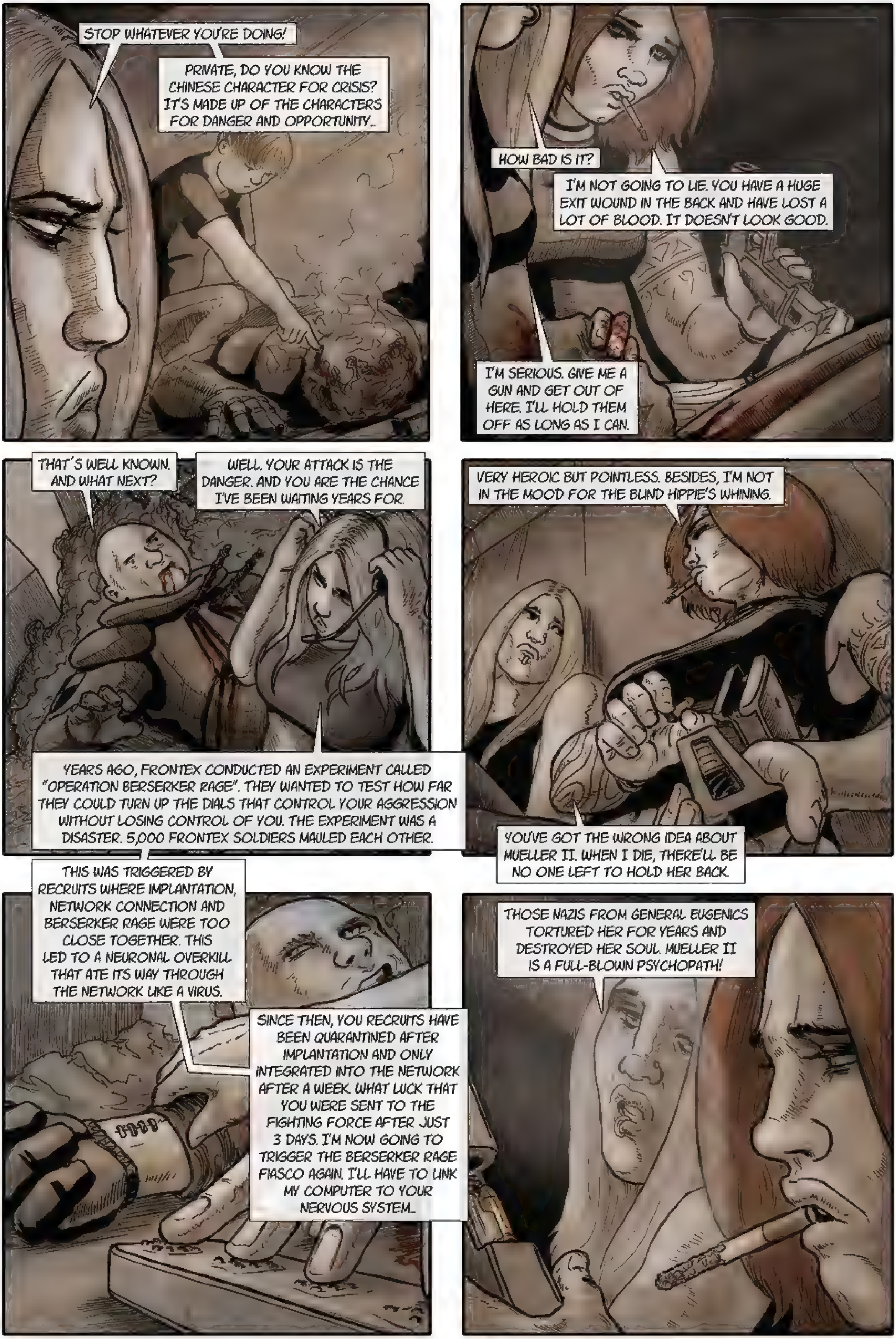

CAN'T ANYONE HEAR ME? I NEED HELP.
IN THE RED ZONE..
THEY CAN'T HEAR YOU. I'M JAMMING YOUR RADIO. BY THE WAY, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU LET GO OF THE GUN.
I TOLD YOU SO. - OH, YOU'RE STILL QUITE YOUNG. AND SO BADLY INJURED. A DISGRACE. WHAT SPIKED YOU? A STEAL BEAM?

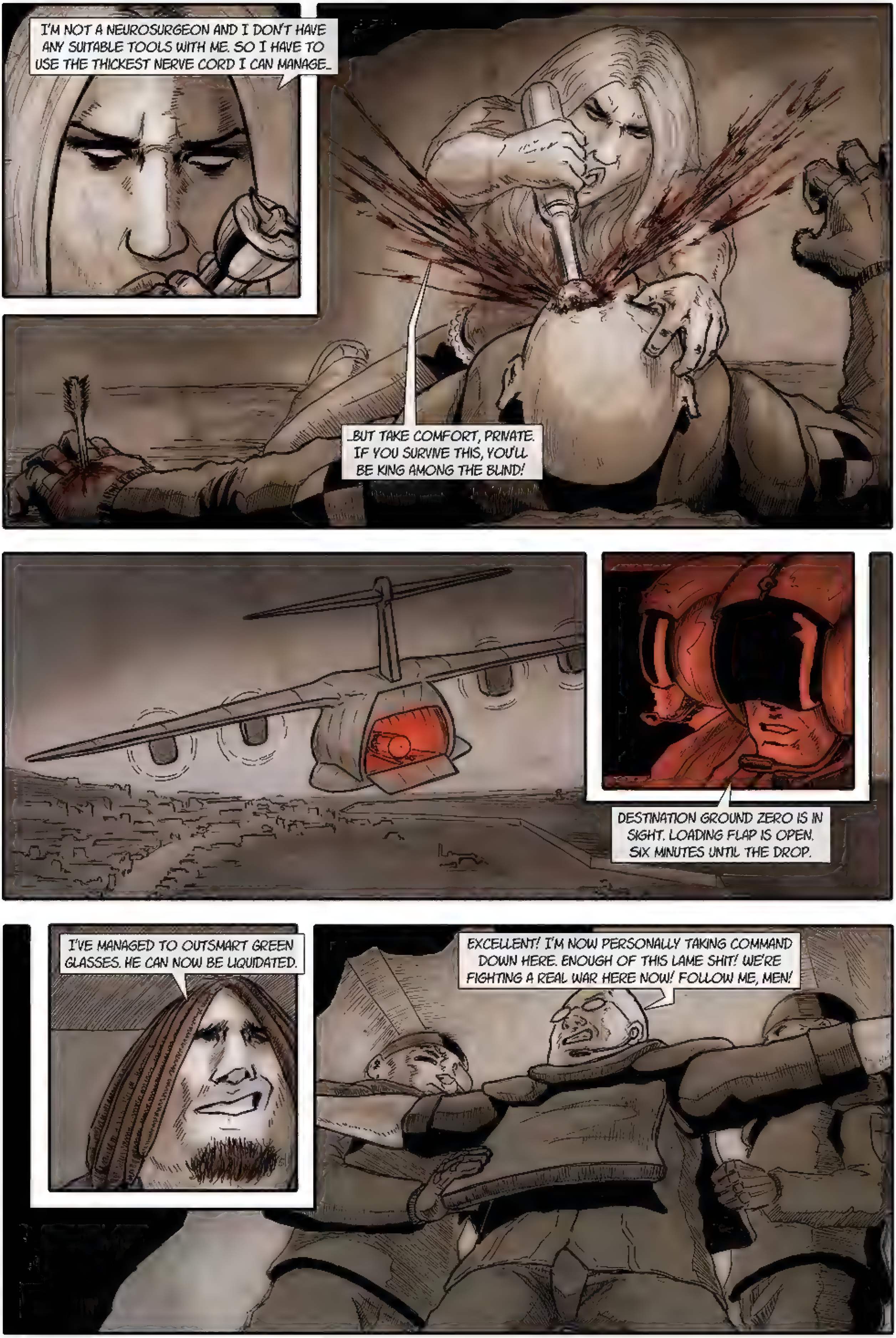

WE ARE LEAVING YOU ALONE NOW. I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT OUR SYMPATHY IS LIMITED.
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING TO ANYONE. I'VE ONLY BEEN A SOLDIER FOR TWO DAYS.
ONLY TWO DAYS AGO?!? TELL ME, DO YOU ALREADY HAVE YOUR IMPLANT?
RED THREE IS NOW READY FOR ACCESS. NO MORE CONTACT WITH RED TWO. SATELLITE IMAGES SHOW A POWERFUL EXPLOSION AT THE SCENE. ORDERS?
GET THAT LITTLE PEST OUT AT LAST! IT'S PREVENTING ME FROM THINKING.
RED THREE. GET GREEN GLASSES OUT OF THERE IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE.
WE ARE WORKING ON IT.

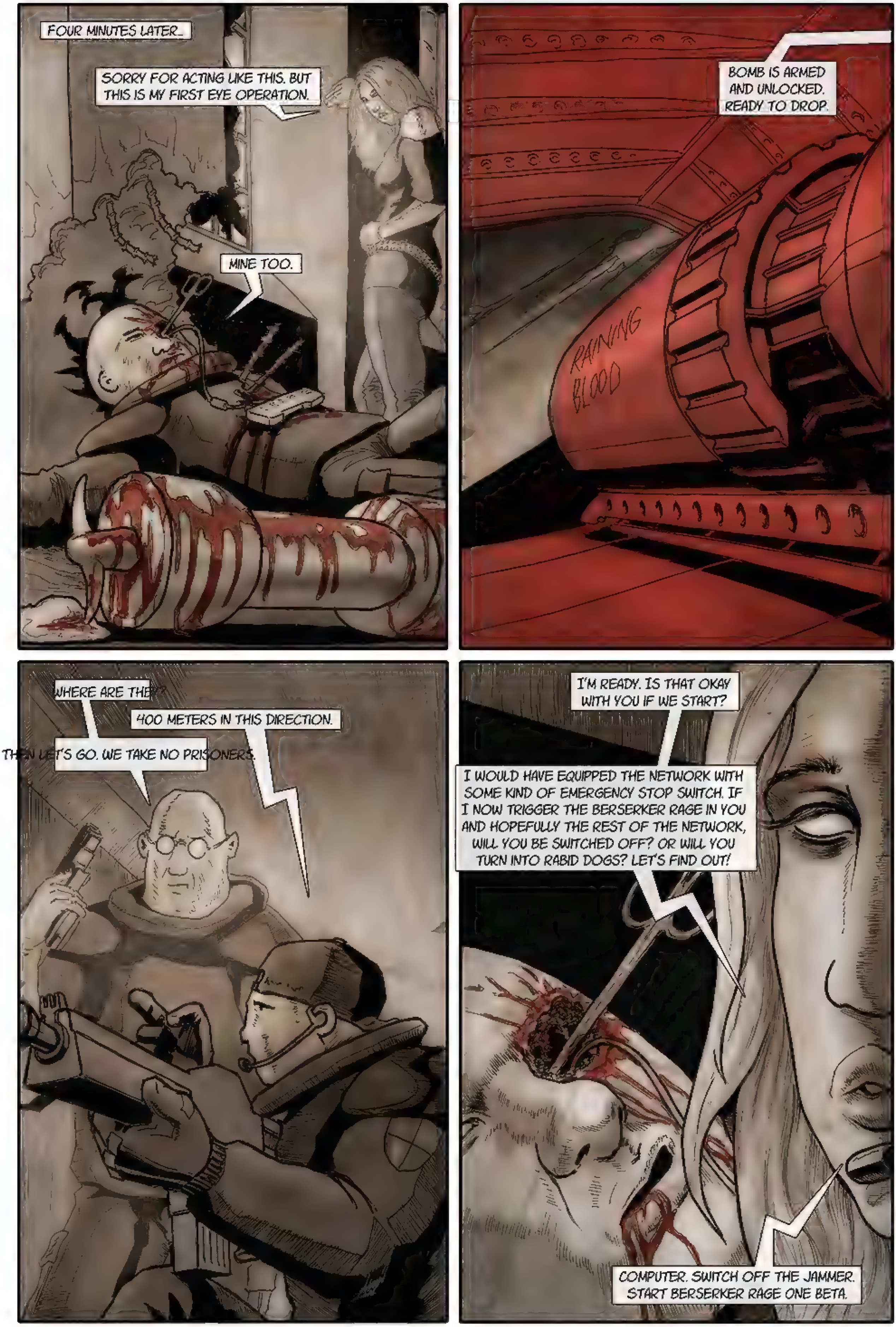

RUN A SIMULATION WITH A BACK-UP. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT PROCEDURES WILL RUN WHEN GREEN GLASSES DIES. THEN DELETE THESE PROCEDURES AND THE ARCHIVE MATERIAL THAT HE WANTS TO USE AGAINST ME.
GREEN GLASSES IS NOT AN IDIOT. HE WILL HAVE PREPARED FOR SUCH A TACTIC.
THEN GO ABOUT YOUR WORK CAREFULLY!
MUELLER III. COME HERE. WE NEED MORE TIME.
SPRAY IT AROUND! - AND YOU, SOLDIER? CIGARETTE?
BIOWEAPONS ALERT IN THE RED ZONE! SOMEONE MUST WANT TO SCARE US AWAY.

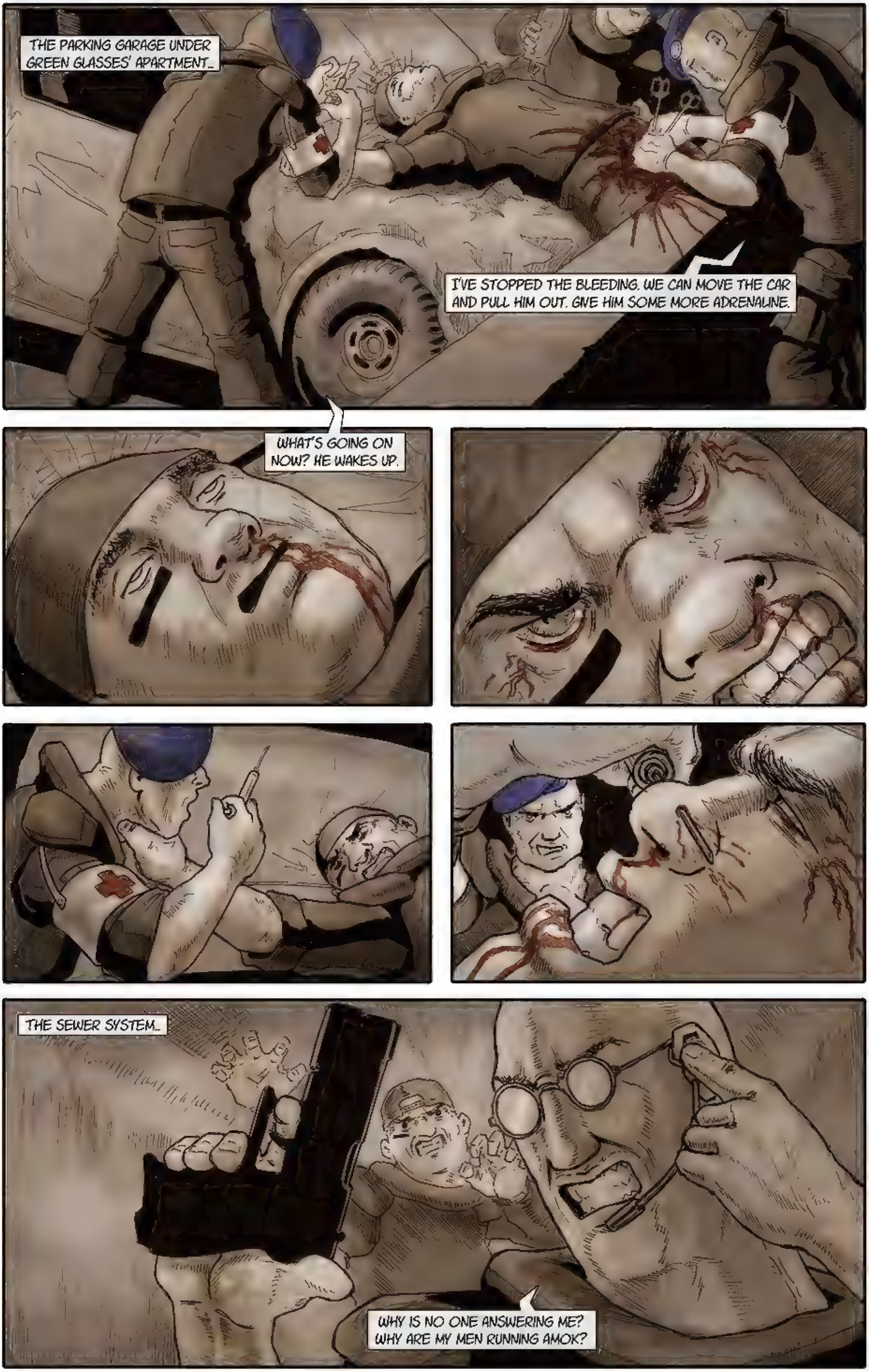

I THINK THIS IS A FEINT. WE SHOULD MOVE BACK INTO THE AREA IMMEDIATELY.
BELIEF IS NOT KNOWLEDGE. WE DO THIS STRICTLY BY THE BOOK. THE RED ZONE IS INCINERATED FROM THE AIR.
RED THREE. SITUATION REPORT!
SITUATION. BAD.
YOU DON´T SAY.
IMPRESSIVE. YOU HIT THE MARK WITH EVERY SHOT.
YEAH. I'VE INSTALLED ONE OF THOSE ANTI-SHAKE THINGS. IT WAS ON OFFER AT...
ARE YOU NUTS?!? KEEP SHOOTING!

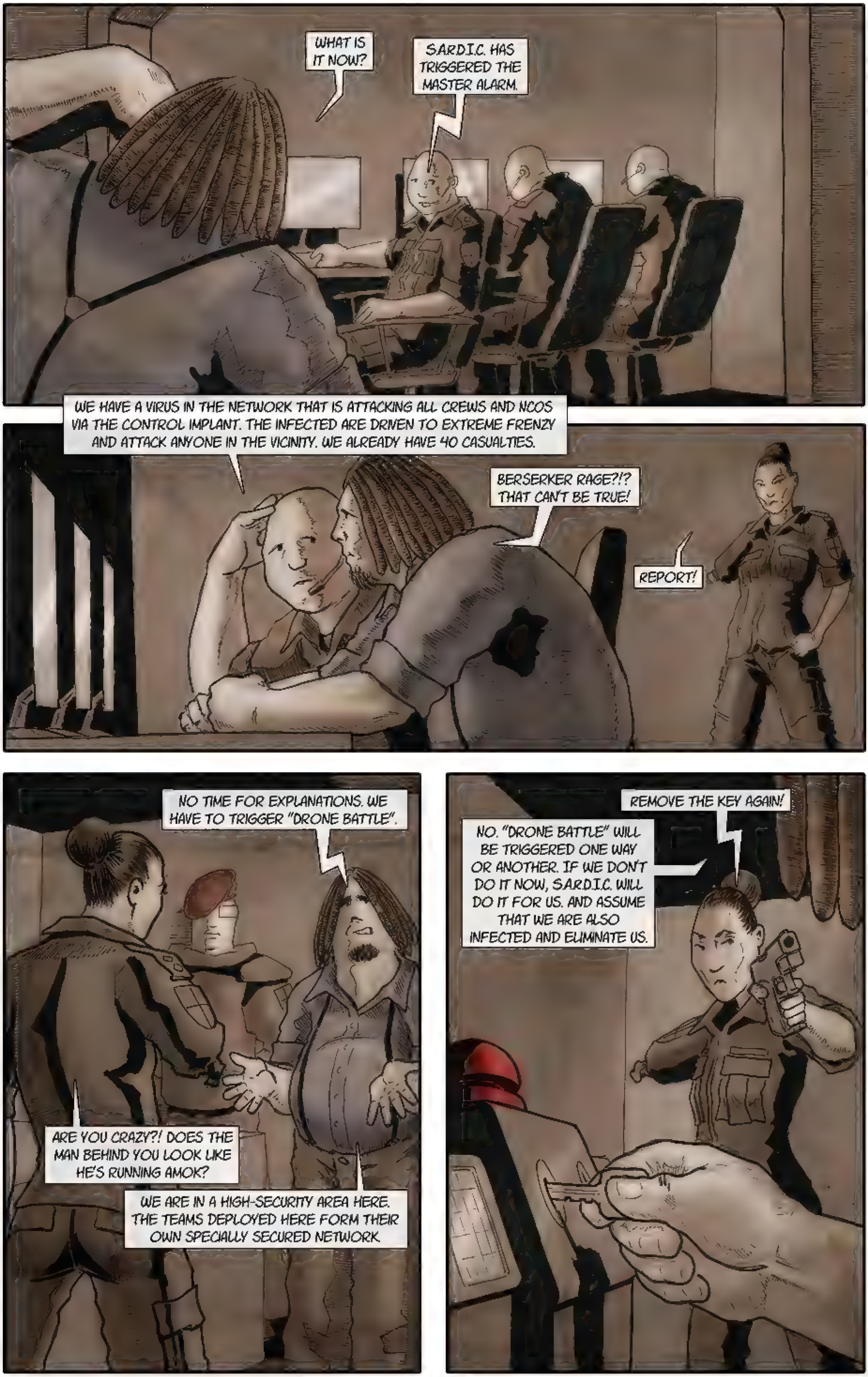

DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WE CAN KEEP YOUR COMRADES WITH THE FAKE BIOWEAPON OFF OUR BACKS, SO I SHOULDN'T WASTE ANY TIME...
REPORT TO S-2. WE'RE LOADING THE BIGGEST CONVENTIONAL WEAPON WE COULD FIND. READY FOR LAUNCH IN FOUR MINUTES.
NOT LIKE THAT! TRY A LITTLE HARDER!
THE MACHINE WILL NOW START.
I'M WAITING!
THE BOMB IS IN THE AIR. I'M WORKING ON THE GREEN GLASSES PROBLEM.
THEY HAVE WITHDRAWN AND ARE REGROUPING. WE CAN CATCH OUR BREATH FOR A MOMENT.
IT'S NO USE LIKE THIS. LEAVE ME BEHIND. I'M ONLY SLOWING YOU DOWN.
LEAVE IT ALONE! WE DON'T NEED HEROIC CLICHEES SUCH AS "THE ONLY THING THAT COUNTS IS THE MISSION."

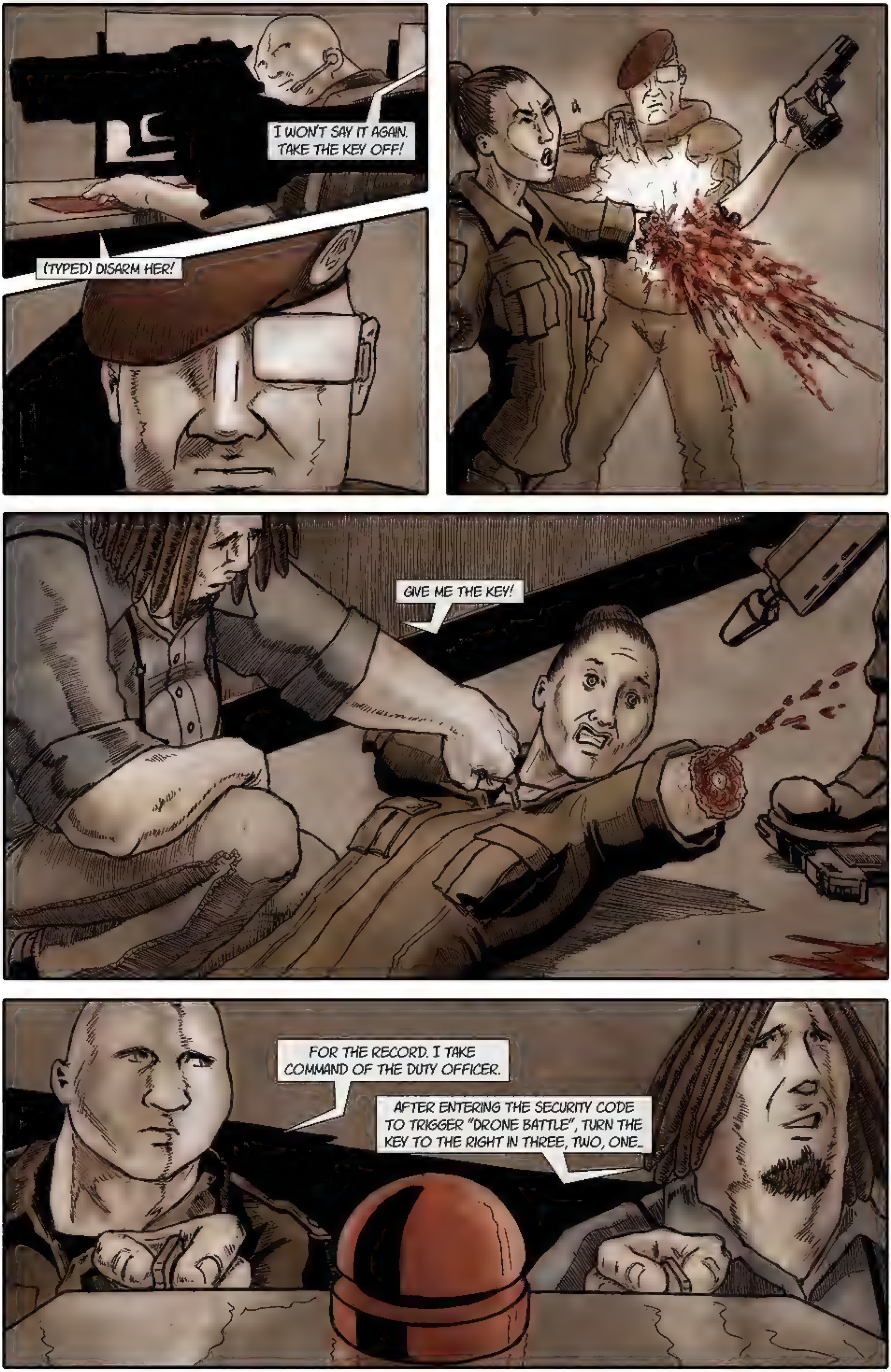

STOP WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING!
PRIVATE, DO YOU KNOW THE CHINESE CHARACTER FOR CRISIS? IT'S MADE UP OF THE CHARACTERS FOR DANGER AND OPPORTUNITY...
HOW BAD IS IT?
I'M NOT GOING TO LIE. YOU HAVE A HUGE EXIT WOUND IN THE BACK AND HAVE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD. IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
I'M SERIOUS. GIVE ME A GUN AND GET OUT OF HERE. I'LL HOLD THEM OFF AS LONG AS I CAN.
THAT'S WELL KNOWN. AND WHAT NEXT?
WELL. YOUR ATTACK IS THE DANGER. AND YOU ARE THE CHANCE I'VE BEEN WAITING YEARS FOR.
YEARS AGO, FRONTEX CONDUCTED AN EXPERIMENT CALLED "OPERATION BERSERKER RAGE". THEY WANTED TO TEST HOW FAR THEY COULD TURN UP THE DIALS THAT CONTROL YOUR AGGRESSION WITHOUT LOSING CONTROL OF YOU. THE EXPERIMENT WAS A DISASTER. 5,000 FRONTEX SOLDIERS MAULED EACH OTHER.
VERY HEROIC BUT POINTLESS. BESIDES, I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR THE BLIND HIPPIE'S WHINING.
YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT MUELLER II. WHEN I DIE, THERE'LL BE NO ONE LEFT TO HOLD HER BACK.
THIS WAS TRIGGERED BY RECRUITS WHERE IMPLANTATION, NETWORK CONNECTION AND BERSERKER RAGE WERE TOO CLOSE TOGETHER. THIS LED TO A NEURONAL OVERKILL THAT ATE ITS WAY THROUGH THE NETWORK LIKE A VIRUS.
SINCE THEN, YOU RECRUITS HAVE BEEN QUARANTINED AFTER IMPLANTATION AND ONLY INTEGRATED INTO THE NETWORK AFTER A WEEK. WHAT LUCK THAT YOU WERE SENT TO THE FIGHTING FORCE AFTER JUST 3 DAYS. I'M NOW GOING TO TRIGGER THE BERSERKER RAGE FIASCO AGAIN. I'LL HAVE TO LINK MY COMPUTER TO YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM.
THOSE NAZIS FROM GENERAL EUGENICS TORTURED HER FOR YEARS AND DESTROYED HER SOUL. MUELLER II IS A FULL-BLOWN PSYCHOPATH!


I'M NOT A NEUROSURGEON AND I DON'T HAVE ANY SUITABLE TOOLS WITH ME. SO I HAVE TO USE THE THICKEST NERVE CORD I CAN MANAGE...
...BUT TAKE COMFORT, PRIVATE. IF YOU SURVIVE THIS, YOU'LL BE KING AMONG THE BLIND!
DESTINATION GROUND ZERO IS IN SIGHT. LOADING FLAP IS OPEN. SIX MINUTES UNTIL THE DROP.
I'VE MANAGED TO OUTSMART GREEN GLASSES. HE CAN NOW BE LIQUIDATED.
EXCELLENT! I'M NOW PERSONALLY TAKING COMMAND DOWN HERE. ENOUGH OF THIS LAME SHIT! WE'RE FIGHTING A REAL WAR HERE NOW! FOLLOW ME, MEN!

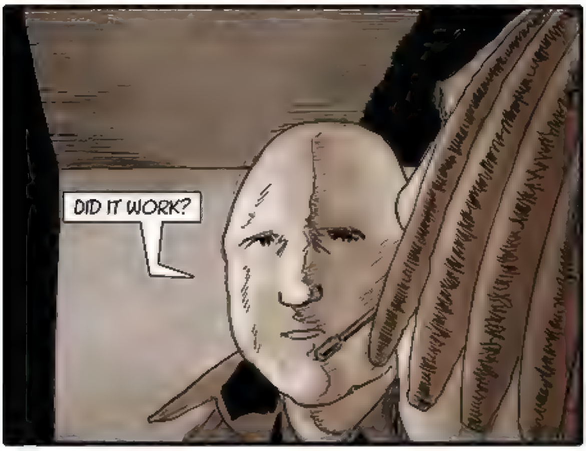

FOUR MINUTES LATER...
SORRY FOR ACTING LIKE THIS. BUT THIS IS MY FIRST EYE OPERATION.
MINE TOO.
BOMB IS ARMED AND UNLOCKED. READY TO DROP.
RAINING BLOOD
WHERE ARE THEY?
400 METERS IN THIS DIRECTION.
THEN LET'S GO. WE TAKE NO PRISONERS.
I'M READY. IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU IF WE START?
I WOULD HAVE EQUIPPED THE NETWORK WITH SOME KIND OF EMERGENCY STOP SWITCH. IF I NOW TRIGGER THE BERSERKER RAGE IN YOU AND HOPEFULLY THE REST OF THE NETWORK, WILL YOU BE SWITCHED OFF? OR WILL YOU TURN INTO RABID DOGS? LET'S FIND OUT!
COMPUTER. SWITCH OFF THE JAMMER. START BERSERKER RAGE ONE BETA.


THE PARKING GARAGE UNDER GREEN GLASSES' APARTMENT...
I'VE STOPPED THE BLEEDING. WE CAN MOVE THE CAR AND PULL HIM OUT. GIVE HIM SOME MORE ADRENALINE.
WHAT'S GOING ON NOW? HE WAKES UP.
THE SEWER SYSTEM...
WHY IS NO ONE ANSWERING ME? WHY ARE MY MEN RUNNING AMOK?

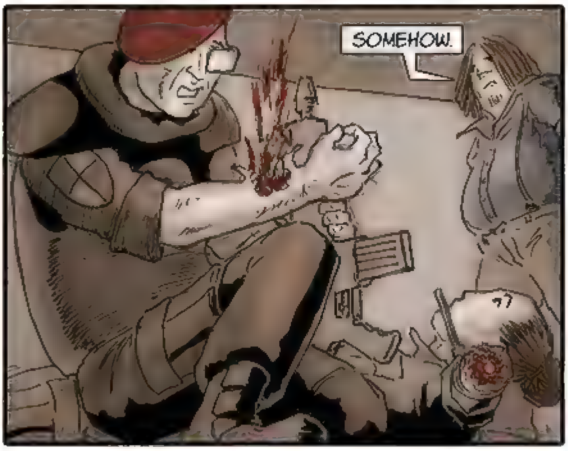

WHAT IS IT NOW?
S.A.R.D.I.C. HAS TRIGGERED THE MASTER ALARM.
REPORT!
WE HAVE A VIRUS IN THE NETWORK THAT IS ATTACKING ALL CREWS AND NCOS VIA THE CONTROL IMPLANT. THE INFECTED ARE DRIVEN TO EXTREME FRENZY AND ATTACK ANYONE IN THE VICINITY. WE ALREADY HAVE 40 CASUALTIES.
BERSERKER RAGE?!? THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!
NO TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS. WE HAVE TO TRIGGER "DRONE BATTLE".
ARE YOU CRAZY?! DOES THE MAN BEHIND YOU LOOK LIKE HE'S RUNNING AMOK?
WE ARE IN A HIGH-SECURITY AREA HERE. THE TEAMS DEPLOYED HERE FORM THEIR OWN SPECIALLY SECURED NETWORK.
REMOVE THE KEY AGAIN!
NO. "DRONE BATTLE" WILL BE TRIGGERED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. IF WE DON'T DO IT NOW, S.A.R.D.I.C. WILL DO IT FOR US. AND ASSUME THAT WE ARE ALSO INFECTED AND ELIMINATE US.


I WON'T SAY IT AGAIN. TAKE THE KEY OFF!
(TYPED) DISARM HER!
GIVE ME THE KEY!
FOR THE RECORD. I TAKE COMMAND OF THE DUTY OFFICER.
AFTER ENTERING THE SECURITY CODE TO TRIGGER "DRONE BATTLE", TURN THE KEY TO THE RIGHT IN THREE, TWO, ONE...

INITIALIZATION "DRONE BATTLE" PLUS THREE SECONDS



PLUS FIVE POINT ONE SECONDS



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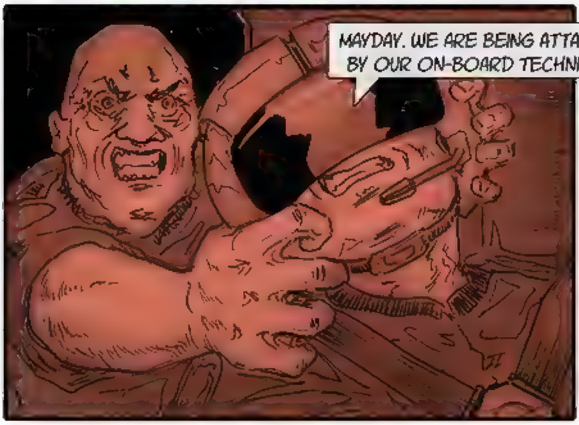
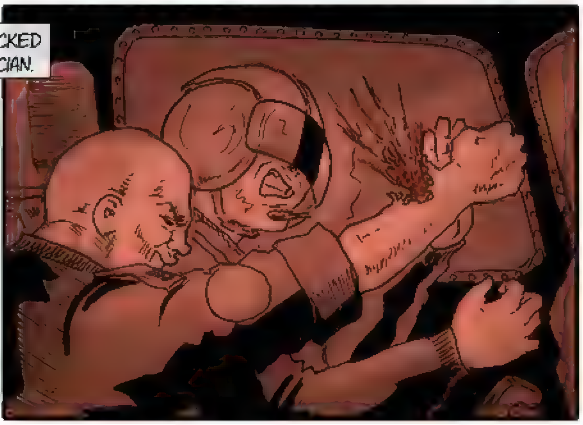

MAYDAY. WE ARE BEING ATTACKED BY OUR ON-BOARD TECHNICIAN.

PLUS FIVE POINT SIX SECONDS



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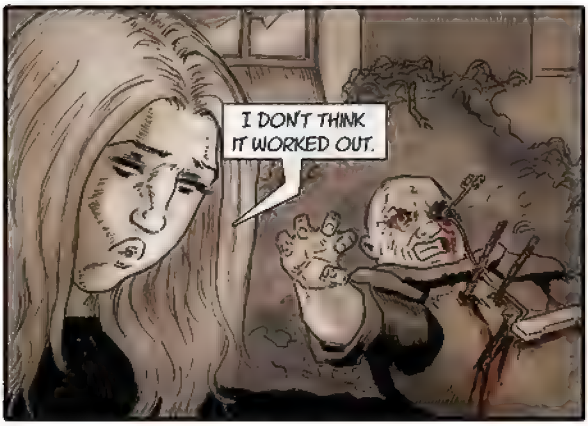
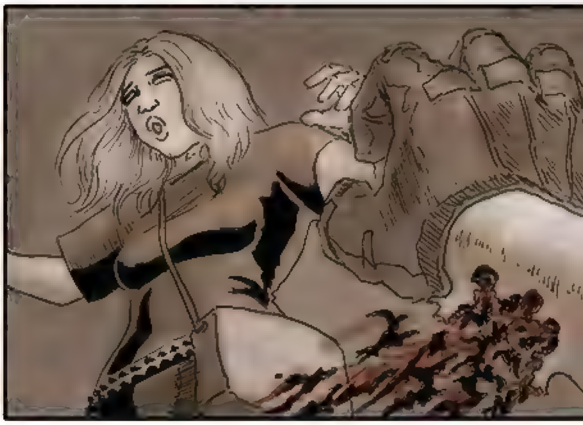

I DON'T THINK IT WORKED OUT.

PLUS FIVE POINT ONE SECONDS



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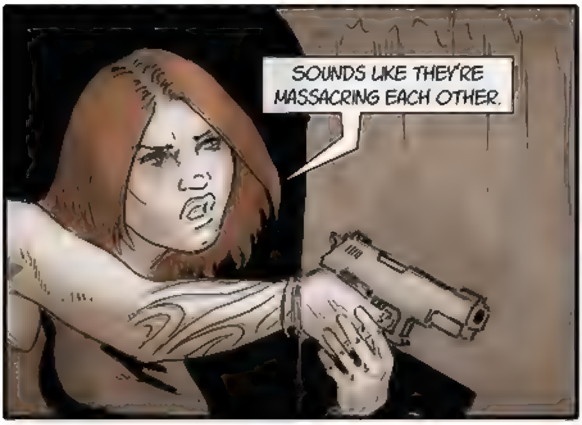
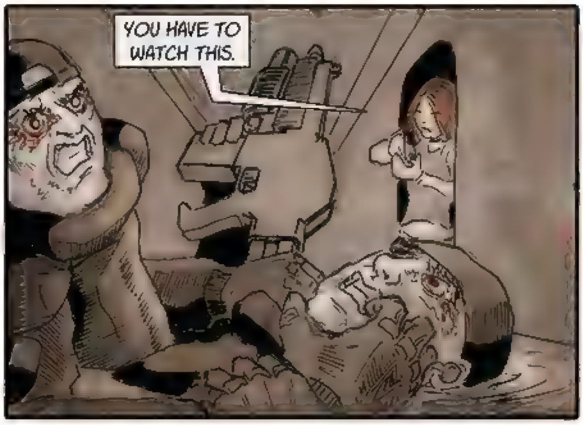
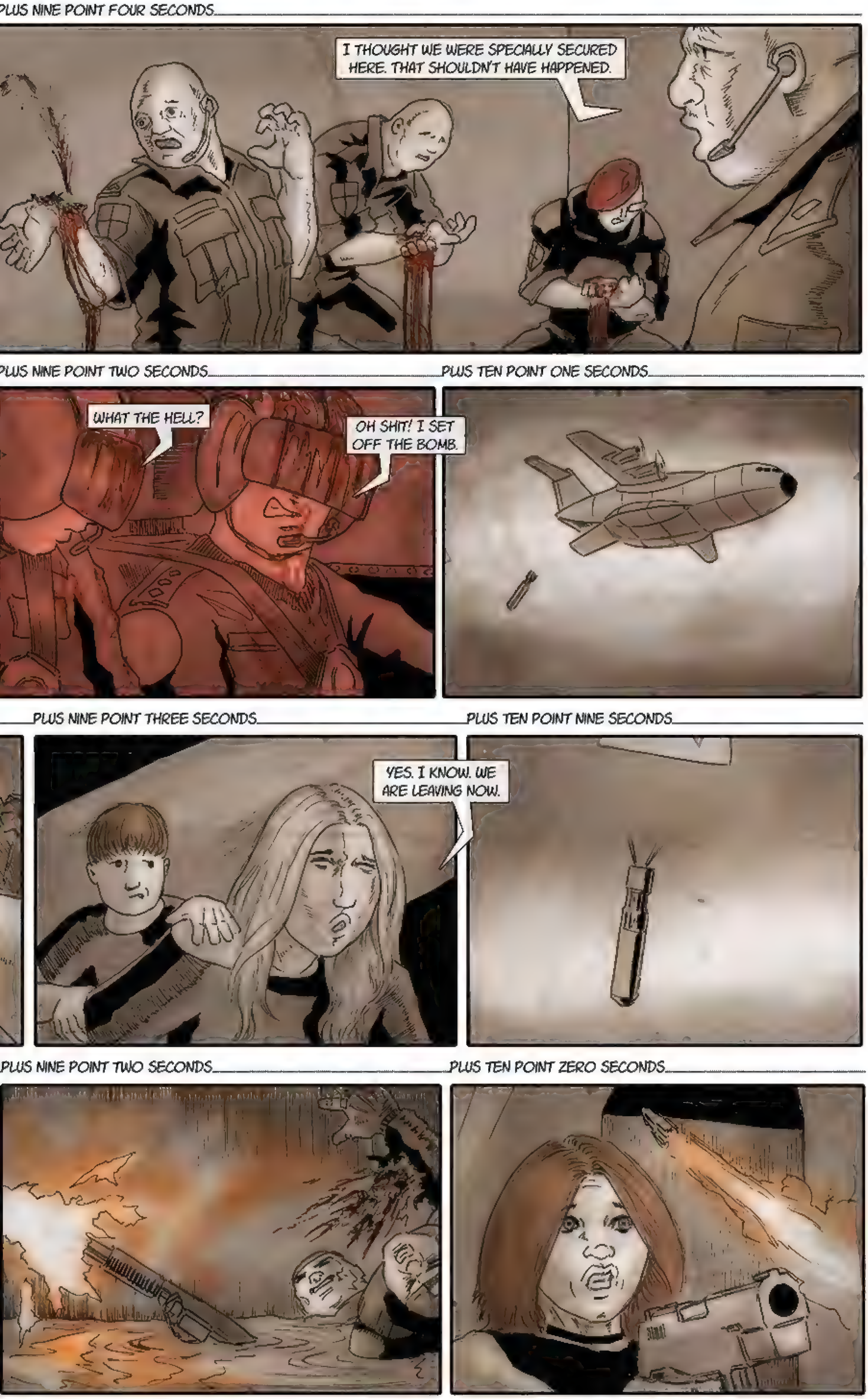
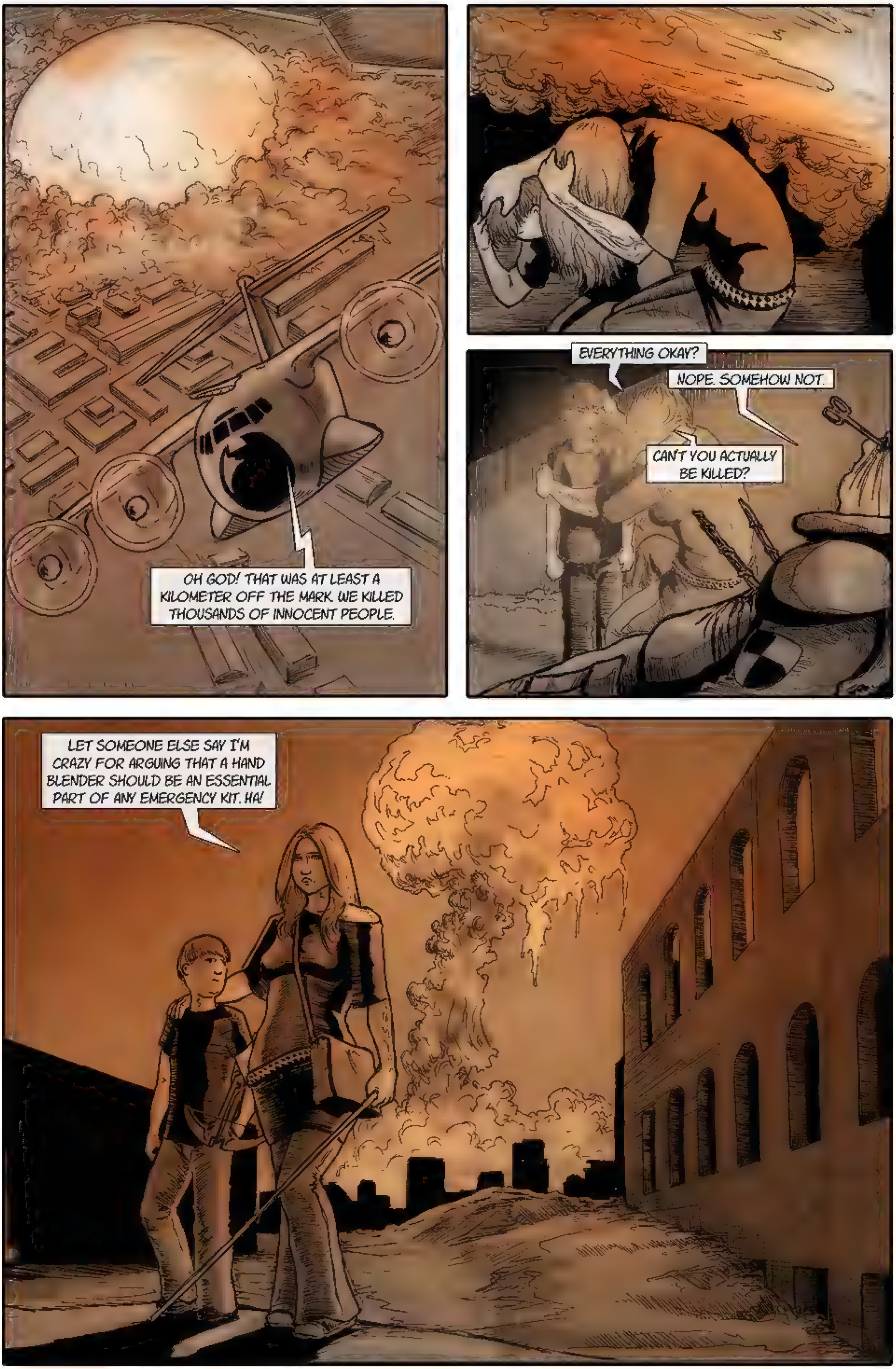
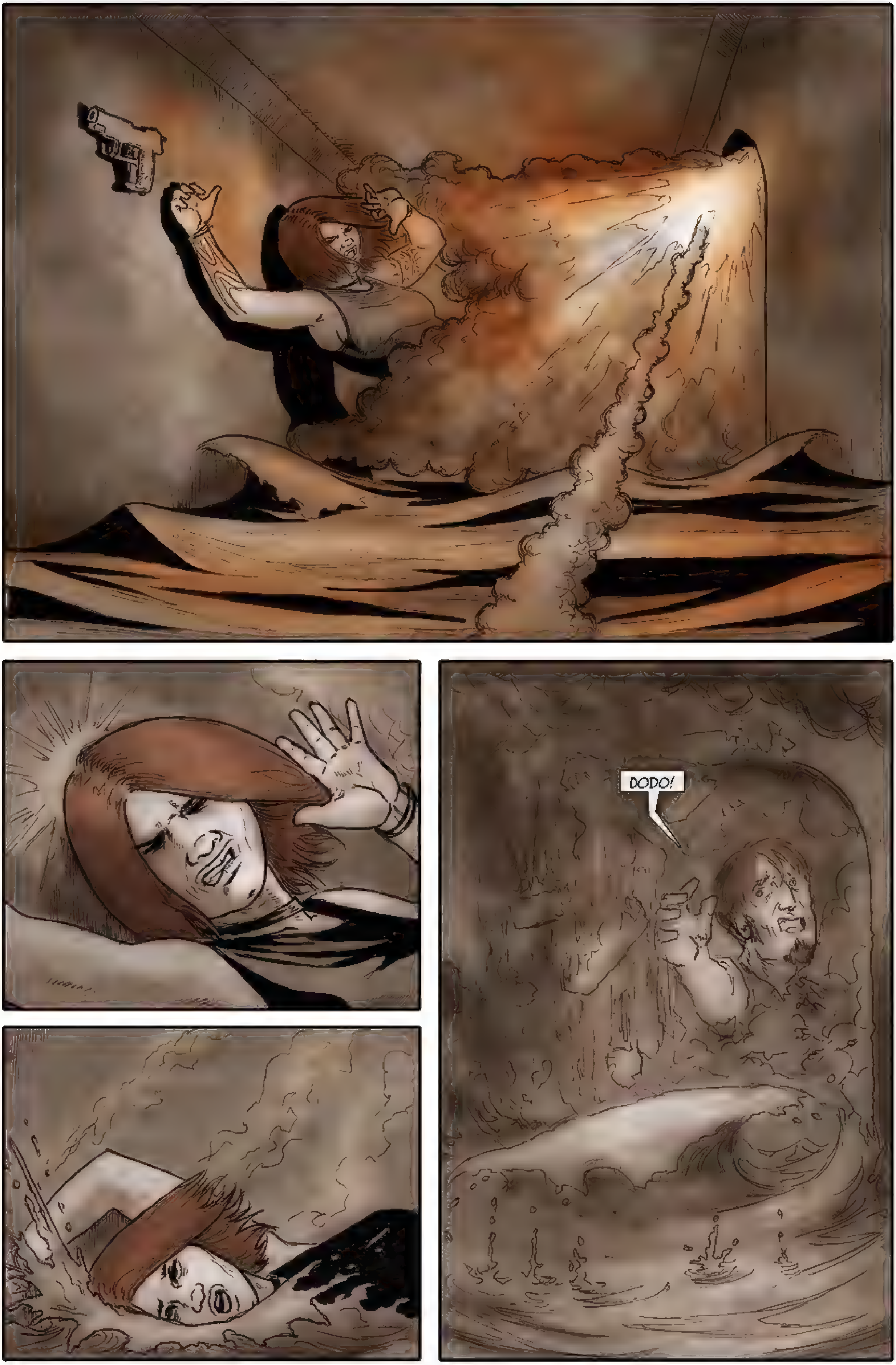

SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE MASSACRING EACH OTHER.

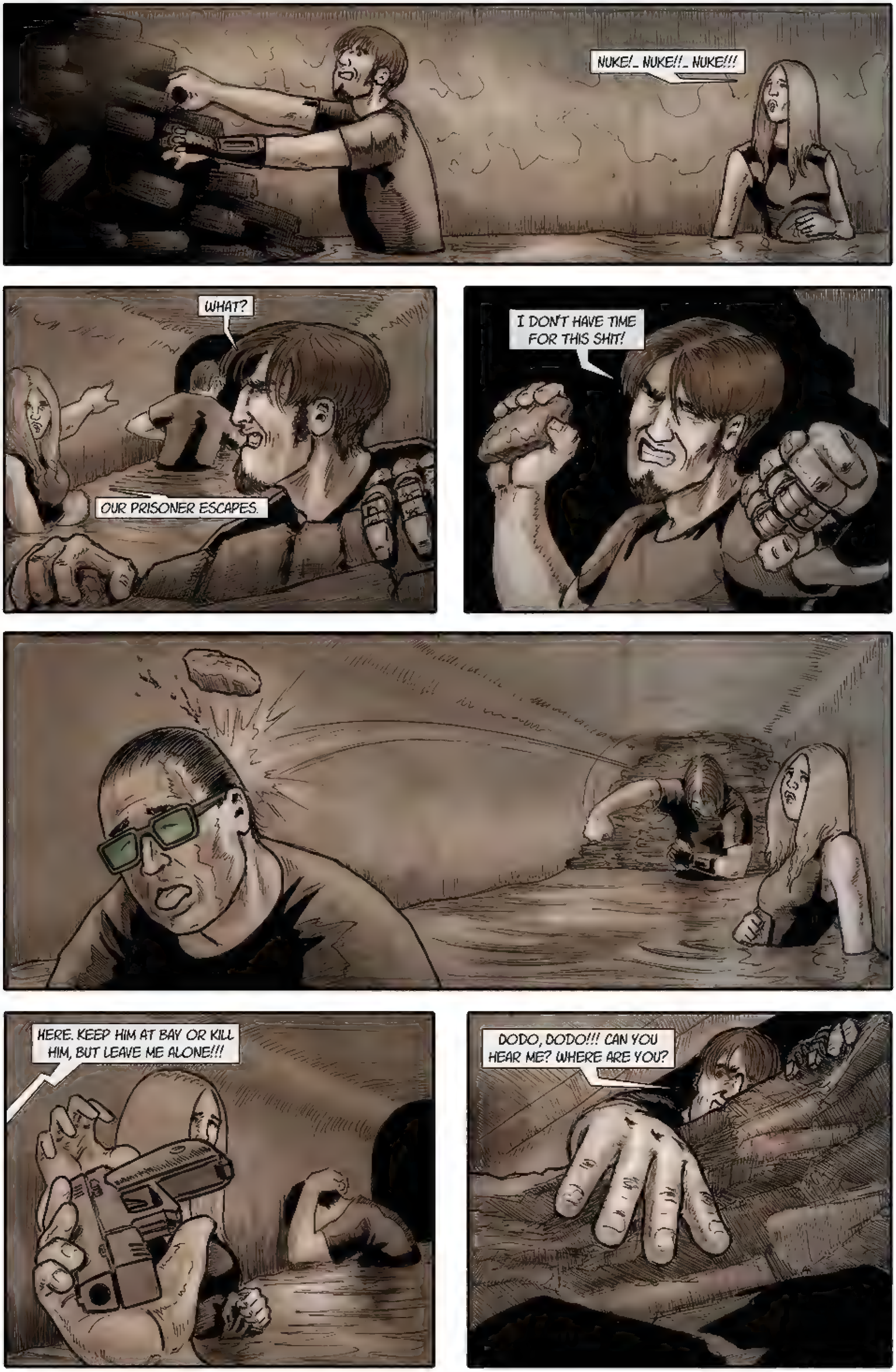
PLUS FIVE POINT SIX SECONDS

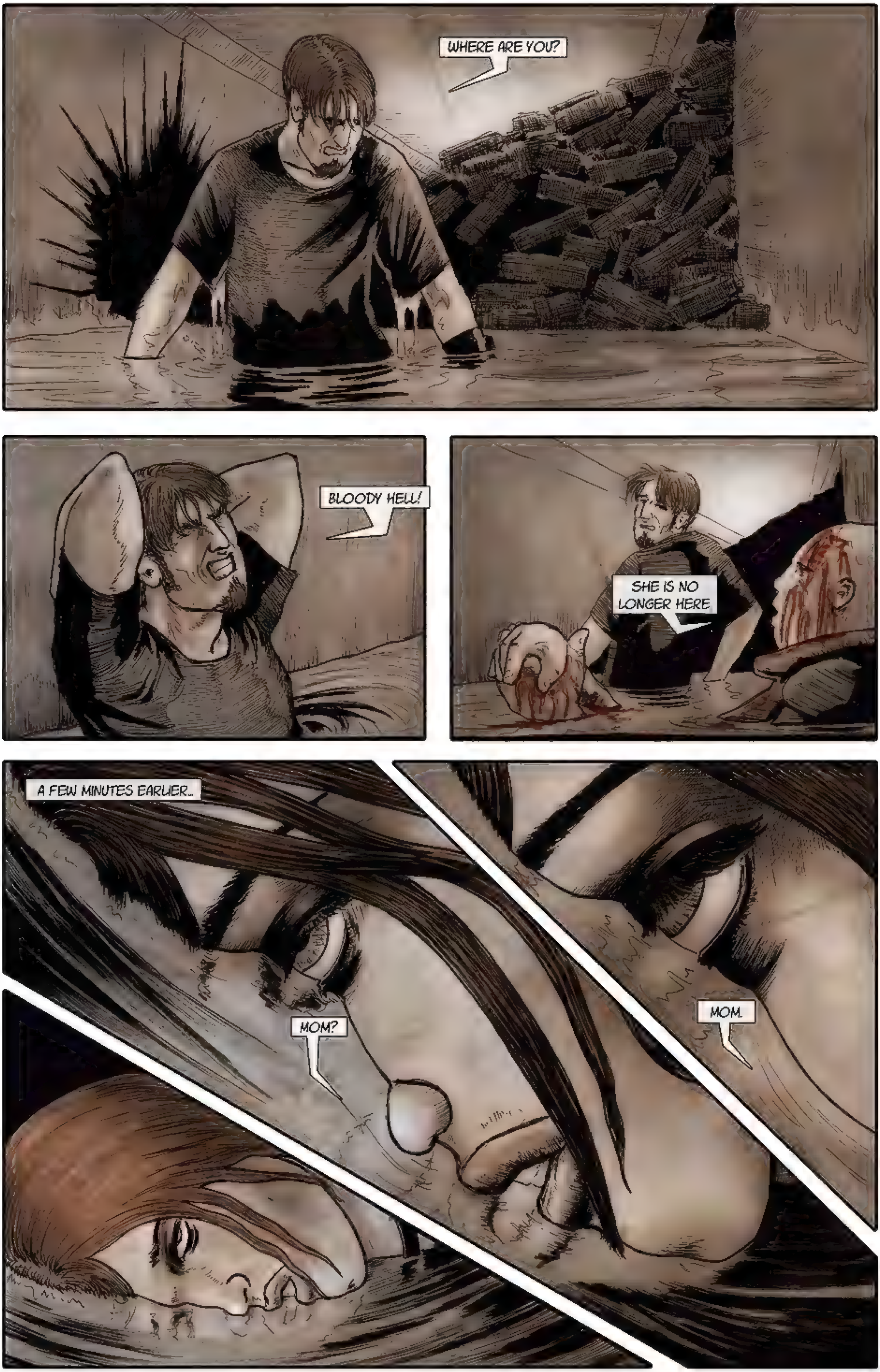

YOU HAVE TO WATCH THIS.

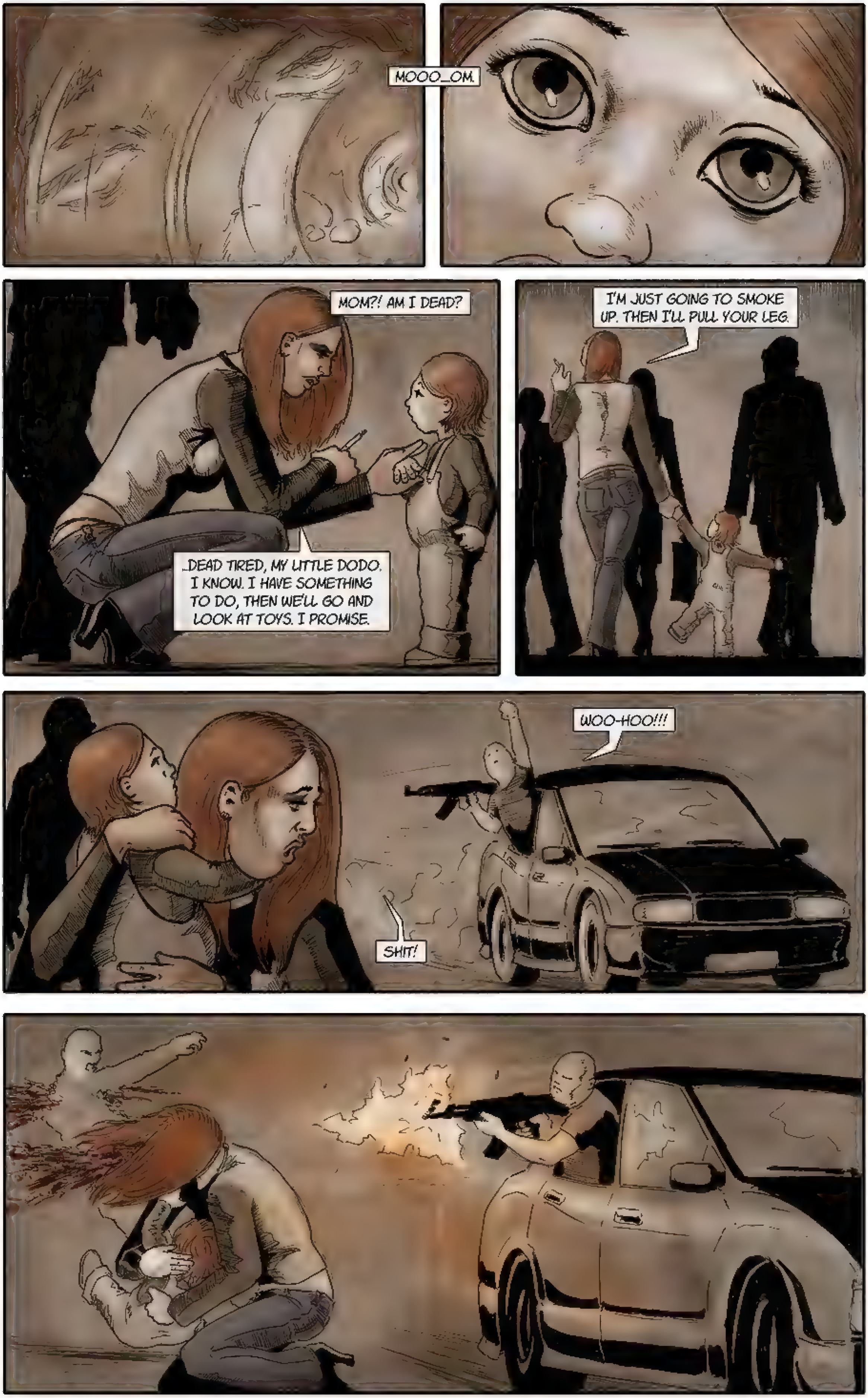

PLUS NINE POINT FOUR SECONDS
I THOUGHT WE WERE SPECIALLY SECURED HERE. THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.
PLUS NINE POINT TWO SECONDS
WHAT THE HELL?
OH SHIT! I SET OFF THE BOMB.
PLUS TEN POINT ONE SECONDS
PLUS NINE POINT THREE SECONDS
YES. I KNOW. WE ARE LEAVING NOW.
PLUS TEN POINT NINE SECONDS
PLUS NINE POINT TWO SECONDS
PLUS TEN POINT ZERO SECONDS

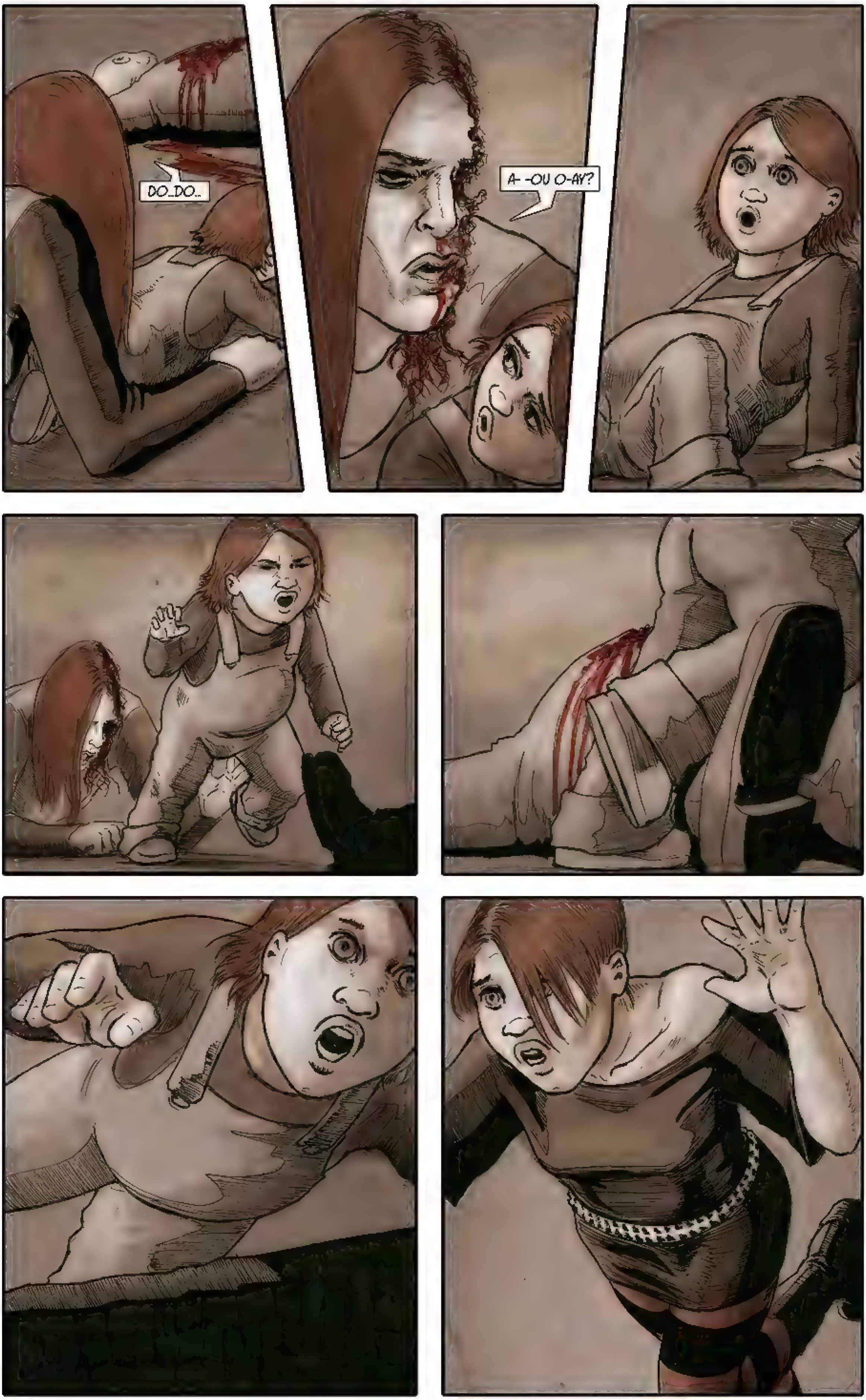

OH GOD! THAT WAS AT LEAST A KILOMETER OFF THE MARK. WE KILLED THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE.
EVERYTHING OKAY?
NOPE. SOMEHOW NOT.
CAN'T YOU ACTUALLY BE KILLED?
LET SOMEONE ELSE SAY I'M CRAZY FOR ARGUING THAT A HAND BLENDER SHOULD BE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF ANY EMERGENCY KIT. HA!


DODO!


NUKE!_ NUKE!!_ NUKE!!!
WHAT?
OUR PRISONER ESCAPES.
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS SHIT!
HERE. KEEP HIM AT BAY OR KILL HIM, BUT LEAVE ME ALONE!!!
DODO, DODO!!! CAN YOU HEAR ME? WHERE ARE YOU?


WHERE ARE YOU?
BLOODY HELL!
SHE IS NO LONGER HERE
A FEW MINUTES EARLIER..
MOM?
MOM.


MOOO_OM.
MOM?! AM I DEAD?
..DEAD TIRED, MY LITTLE DODO. I KNOW. I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO, THEN WE'LL GO AND LOOK AT TOYS. I PROMISE.
I'M JUST GOING TO SMOKE UP. THEN I'LL PULL YOUR LEG.
WOO-HOO!!!
SHIT!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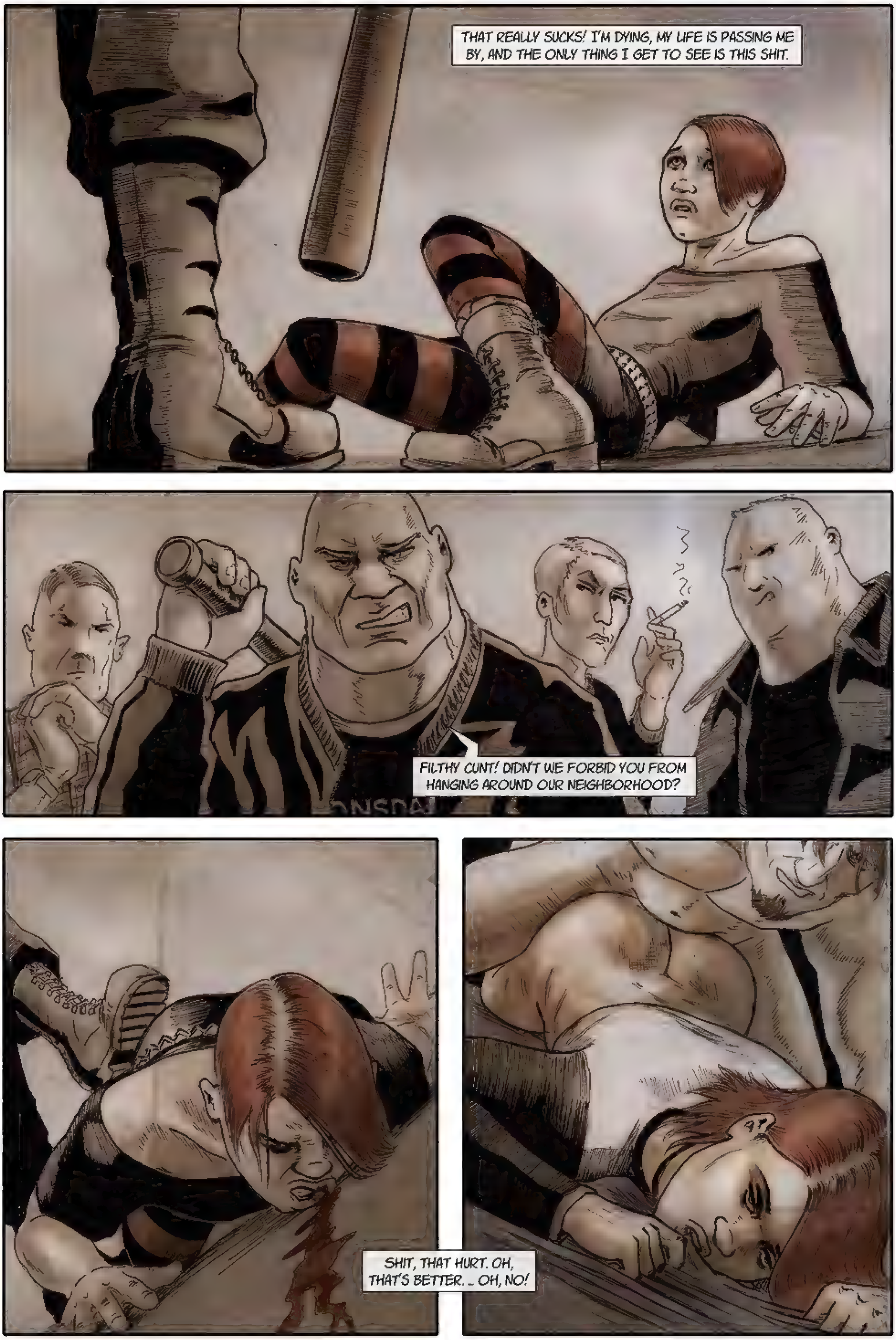
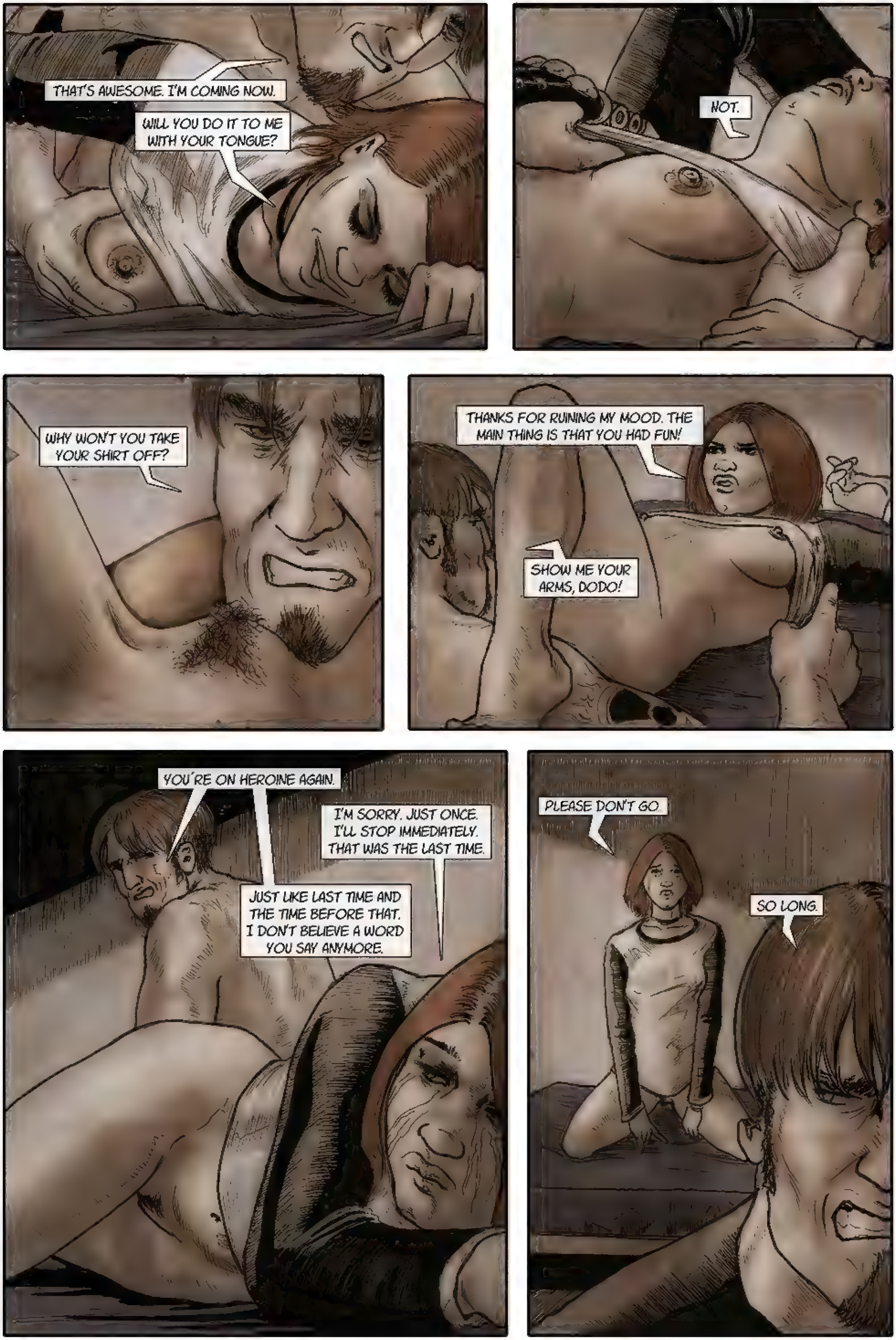
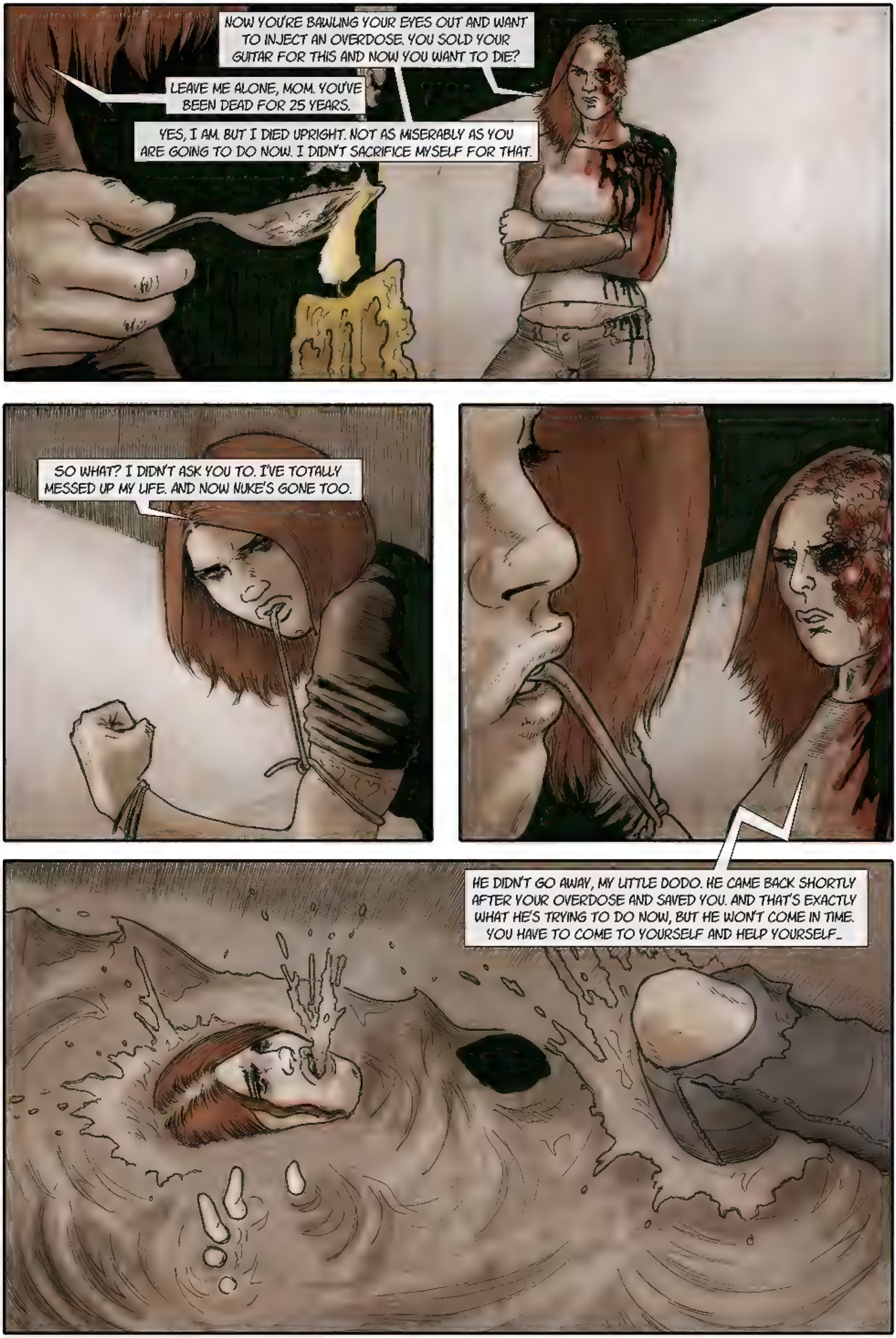
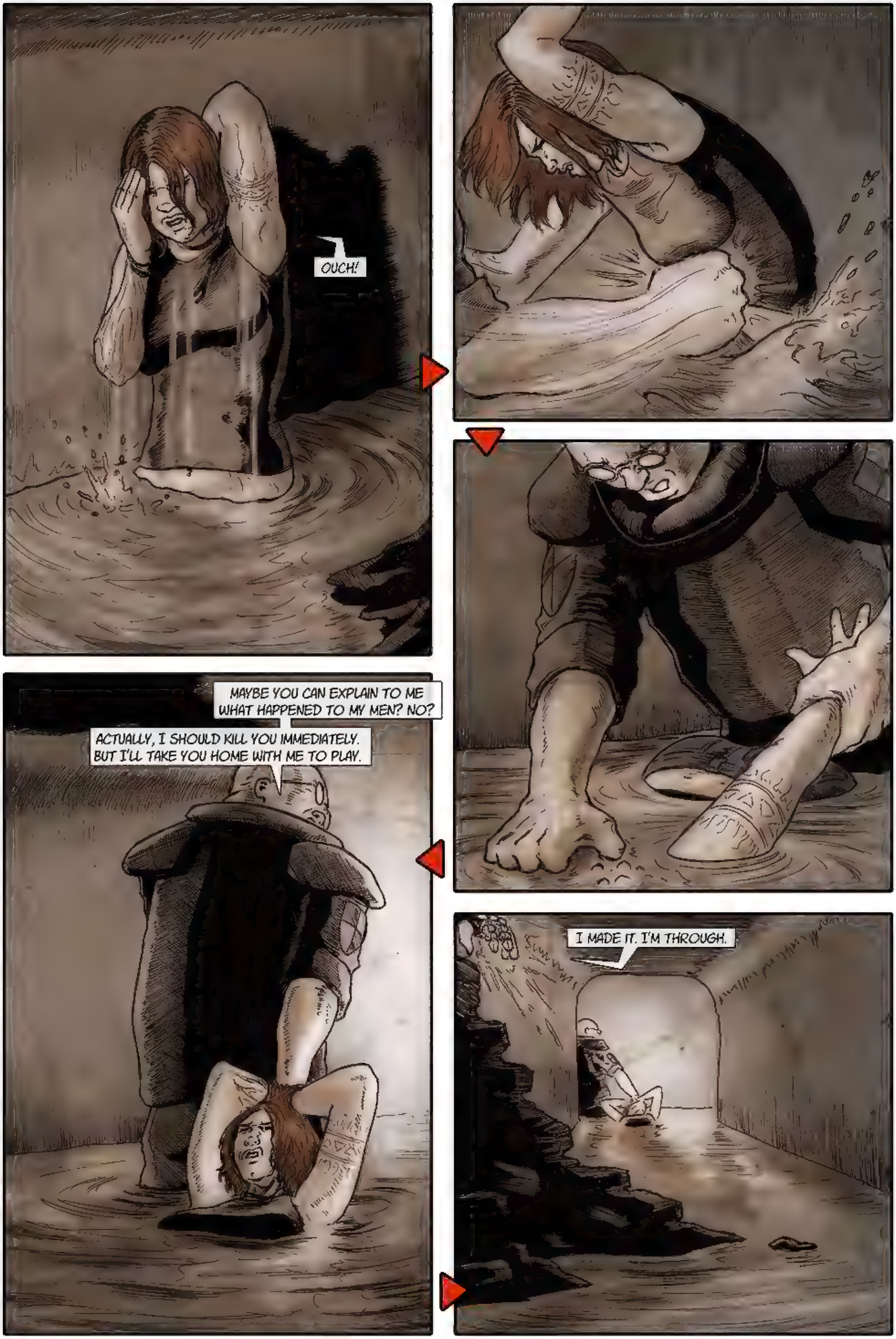
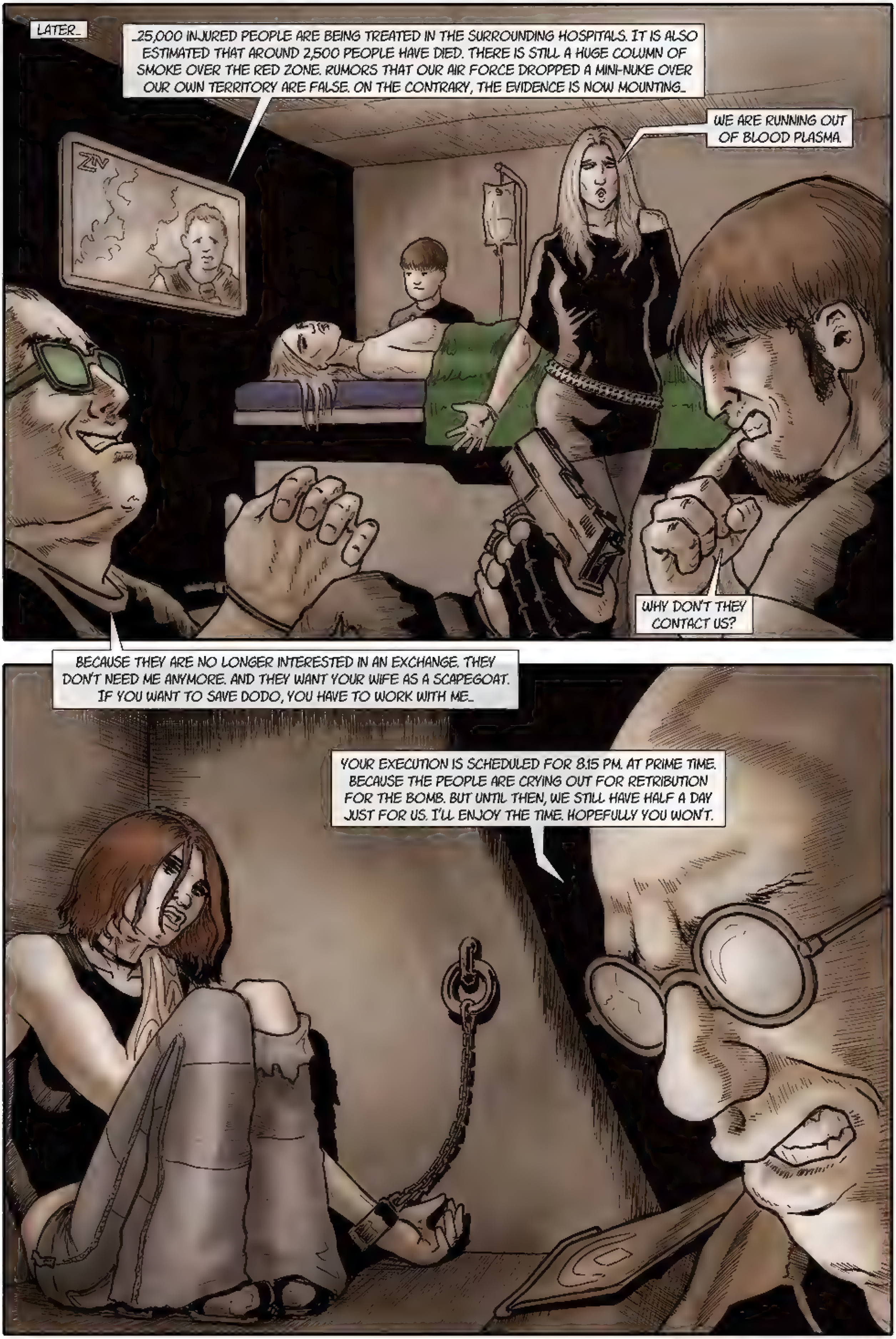
A- -OU O-AY?


THAT REALLY SUCKS! I'M DYING, MY LIFE IS PASSING ME BY, AND THE ONLY THING I GET TO SEE IS THIS SHIT.
FILTHY CUNT! DIDN'T WE FORBID YOU FROM HANGING AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?
SHIT, THAT HURT. OH, THAT'S BETTER. .. OH, NO!


THAT'S AWESOME. I'M COMING NOW.
WILL YOU DO IT TO ME WITH YOUR TONGUE?
NOT.
WHY WON'T YOU TAKE YOUR SHIRT OFF?
THANKS FOR RUINING MY MOOD. THE MAIN THING IS THAT YOU HAD FUN!
SHOW ME YOUR ARMS, DODO!
YOU´RE ON HEROINE AGAIN.
I'M SORRY. JUST ONCE. I'LL STOP IMMEDIATELY. THAT WAS THE LAST TIME.
JUST LIKE LAST TIME AND THE TIME BEFORE THAT. I DON'T BELIEVE A WORD YOU SAY ANYMORE.
PLEASE DON'T GO.
SO LONG.


NOW YOU'RE BAWLING YOUR EYES OUT AND WANT TO INJECT AN OVERDOSE. YOU SOLD YOUR GUITAR FOR THIS AND NOW YOU WANT TO DIE?
LEAVE ME ALONE, MOM. YOU'VE BEEN DEAD FOR 25 YEARS.
YES, I AM. BUT I DIED UPRIGHT. NOT AS MISERABLY AS YOU ARE GOING TO DO NOW. I DIDN'T SACRIFICE MYSELF FOR THAT.
SO WHAT? I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO. I'VE TOTALLY MESSED UP MY LIFE. AND NOW NUKE'S GONE TOO.
HE DIDN'T GO AWAY, MY LITTLE DODO. HE CAME BACK SHORTLY AFTER YOUR OVERDOSE AND SAVED YOU. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE'S TRYING TO DO NOW, BUT HE WON'T COME IN TIME. YOU HAVE TO COME TO YOURSELF AND HELP YOURSELF...


OUCH!
MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT HAPPENED TO MY MEN? NO?
ACTUALLY, I SHOULD KILL YOU IMMEDIATELY. BUT I'LL TAKE YOU HOME WITH ME TO PLAY.
I MADE IT. I'M THROUGH.


LATER…
…25,000 INJURED PEOPLE ARE BEING TREATED IN THE SURROUNDING HOSPITALS. IT IS ALSO ESTIMATED THAT AROUND 2,500 PEOPLE HAVE DIED. THERE IS STILL A HUGE COLUMN OF SMOKE OVER THE RED ZONE. RUMORS THAT OUR AIR FORCE DROPPED A MINI-NUKE OVER OUR OWN TERRITORY ARE FALSE. ON THE CONTRARY, THE EVIDENCE IS NOW MOUNTING…
ZN
WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF BLOOD PLASMA.
WHY DON'T THEY CONTACT US?
BECAUSE THEY ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN AN EXCHANGE. THEY DON'T NEED ME ANYMORE. AND THEY WANT YOUR WIFE AS A SCAPEGOAT. IF YOU WANT TO SAVE DODO, YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH ME…
YOUR EXECUTION IS SCHEDULED FOR 8.15 PM. AT PRIME TIME. BECAUSE THE PEOPLE ARE CRYING OUT FOR RETRIBUTION FOR THE BOMB. BUT UNTIL THEN, WE STILL HAVE HALF A DAY JUST FOR US. I'LL ENJOY THE TIME. HOPEFULLY YOU WON'T.

MICHAEL FELDMANNS
HADES-SYNDROM
TEIL I: GRENZGEBIET

HADES-SYNDROME I - BORDERLAND (2007)

THE BEGINNING OF THIS STORY IS BASED ON SKETCHES I HAD DRAWN AROUND THE TURN OF THE MILLENNIUM. HOWEVER, IT WASN'T UNTIL 2006 THAT I DARED TO PITCH IT TO A FEW PUBLISHERS AT A COMIC CON. SEBASTIAN FROM THENEXTART WAS INTERESTED, BUT REQUESTED SEVERAL CHANGES. THE 24 PAGES THAT I THEN COBBLED TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST ISSUE IN A BIT OF A RUSH EMBARRASSED ME SO MUCH SHORTLY AFTER PUBLICATION THAT I DECIDED TO REDRAW THE ENTIRE ISSUE. THIS WAS THEN PUBLISHED IN 2010 UNDER THE NAME HADES SYNDROME REVISED EDITION. AND YOU CAN FIND THIS NEWER VERSION HERE IN THE FIRST CHAPTER.

MICHAEL FELDMANNS
HADES-SYNDROM

HADES-SYNDROME II - INFILTRATION (2008)

SINCE I USED A NEWER VERSION FOR CHAPTER 1, THE ARTWORK FOR CHAPTER 2 IS THE OLDEST MATERIAL TO BE FOUND IN THIS BOOK. DESPITE THE SOMETIMES GLARING ANATOMICAL ERRORS, I LEFT THE UNDERLYING OLD ORIGINAL DRAWINGS UNTOUCHED BECAUSE I STILL REALLY LIKE THE ACTION SCENES IN THIS PART.

IT IS NOTICEABLE THAT THE FRONTEX SOLDIERS WEAR GAS MASKS IN SOME SCENES BUT NOT IN OTHERS. THE SCENES WITH GAS MASKS ARE FROM AN ORIGINAL SCENARIO IN WHICH DODO AND NUKE ARE RUNNING AWAY FROM A DEADLY VIRUS. HOWEVER, THE MOVIE 28 DAYS LATER, WITH ITS RAGE VIRUS, BEAT ME TO MY HADES SYNDROME VIRUS, SO I CHANGED MY STORY BECAUSE OF THE SIMILARITY. AT THE TIME, I OBVIOUSLY COULDN'T COME UP WITH A REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR WEARING GAS MASKS.

MICHAEL FELDMANNS
HADES-SYNDROM
TEIL III: HINTERHALT

HADES-SYNDROME III - AMBUSH (2009)

IN THE PREQUELS AND SEQUELS THAT FOLLOWED HADES SYNDROME – THE ESCAPE, I ADOPTED A MUCH SLOWER NARRATIVE STYLE. THAT'S WHY I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED DURING THE REVISION OF THIS BOOK BY HOW FAST-PACED AND ACTION-PACKED THE STORY IS. THE PLOT OF THIS THIRD PART IN PARTICULAR IS ONLY A FEW MINUTES LONG. HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO EXTREMELY NOTICEABLE HERE THAT THE FRONTEX SOLDIERS SUFFER SEVERELY FROM STORMTROOPER SYNDROME (JUST LIKE THE IMPERIAL STORMTROOPERS IN STAR WARS, THE FRONTEX WARRIORS ALWAYS MISS THEIR TARGETS DESPITE THEIR NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY AND BETTER WEAPONRY). IN ADDITION, DODO SLOWLY EMANCIPATES HERSELF FROM THE ROLE OF NAIVE SIDEKICK THAT I HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR HER. WHILE DODO STILL LETS NUKE EXPLAIN THE WORLD TO HER IN THE FIRST TWO CHAPTERS, FROM NOW ON SHE BECOMES MORE AND MORE INDEPENDENT AND BECOMES THE ACTUAL MAIN CHARACTER OF THE SERIES.

MICHAEL FELDMANNS
HADES-SYNDROM

HADES-SYNDROME IV - UNDERGROUND (2010)

IN THE HADES-SYNDROME UNIVERSE, THERE ARE NO FLYING CARS OR OTHER SCIENCE FICTION CLICHES. INSTEAD, PEOPLE USE CELL PHONES THAT LOOK LIKE THEY DID IN THE 90S. THIS TECHNOLOGICAL REGRESSION IS PROBABLY A CONSEQUENCE OF WORLD WAR III. IN ANY CASE, I WOULD FIND IT COMPLETELY INCONGRUOUS IF HOVERCRAFTS, LASER CANNONS, AND CYBORGS WERE PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE IN SUCH A RUN-DOWN WORLD.

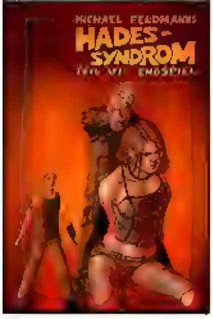
IN TERMS OF CONTENT, I'M SLOWING DOWN A BIT IN THE FOURTH PART. THERE IS LITTLE ACTION AND NO OBLIGATORY SEX SCENE. INSTEAD, THERE ARE NEW CHARACTERS WHO ARE NOT DEAD AFTER A FEW PAGES. I TRY TO GIVE THE SCENARIO AND THE CHARACTERS A LITTLE MORE DEPTH, WHICH LEADS TO SOME SLIGHTLY OVERSIZED SPEECH BUBBLES.

MICHAEL FELDMANNS
HADES-SYNDROM
TEIL V: GEGENSCHLAG

HADES-SYNDROME V - COUNTERSTRIKE (2011)

FROM THIS POINT ON, THERE IS A RADICAL CHANGE IN THE ARTWORK. UNTIL THEN, I HAD ONLY DRAWN WITH PENCIL. IN PARTS V AND VI, I WORKED WITH INK. AT THE TIME, I HOPED THAT THE ORIGINAL PAGES WOULD SELL BETTER (IT DIDN'T WORK. SO FOR THE FOLLOW-UP SERIES, I CREATED ORIGINAL PAGES WITH INK AND GRAYSCALE, AND IN SOME CASES EVEN FULLY COLORED ORIGINALS. BUT THAT DIDN'T WORK IN TERMS OF SALES EITHER).

NOW, IN COMPILING THIS BOOK, I'M HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY CREATING A REASONABLY CONSISTENT ARTWORK ACROSS 180 PAGES. I HOPE IT WORKED OUT AND THAT YOU LIKE THE RESULT.



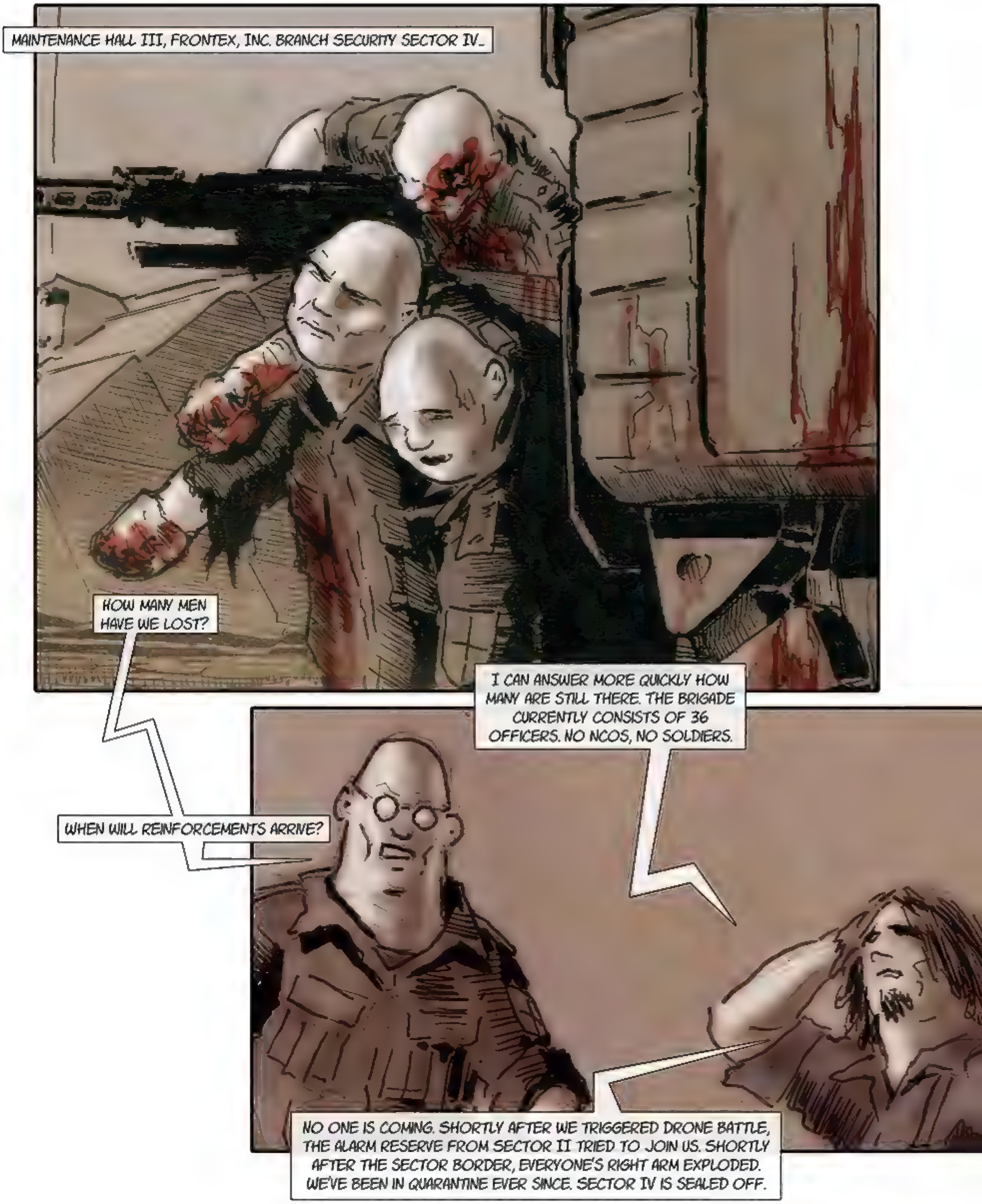
HADES-SYNDROME VI - ENDGAME (2012)

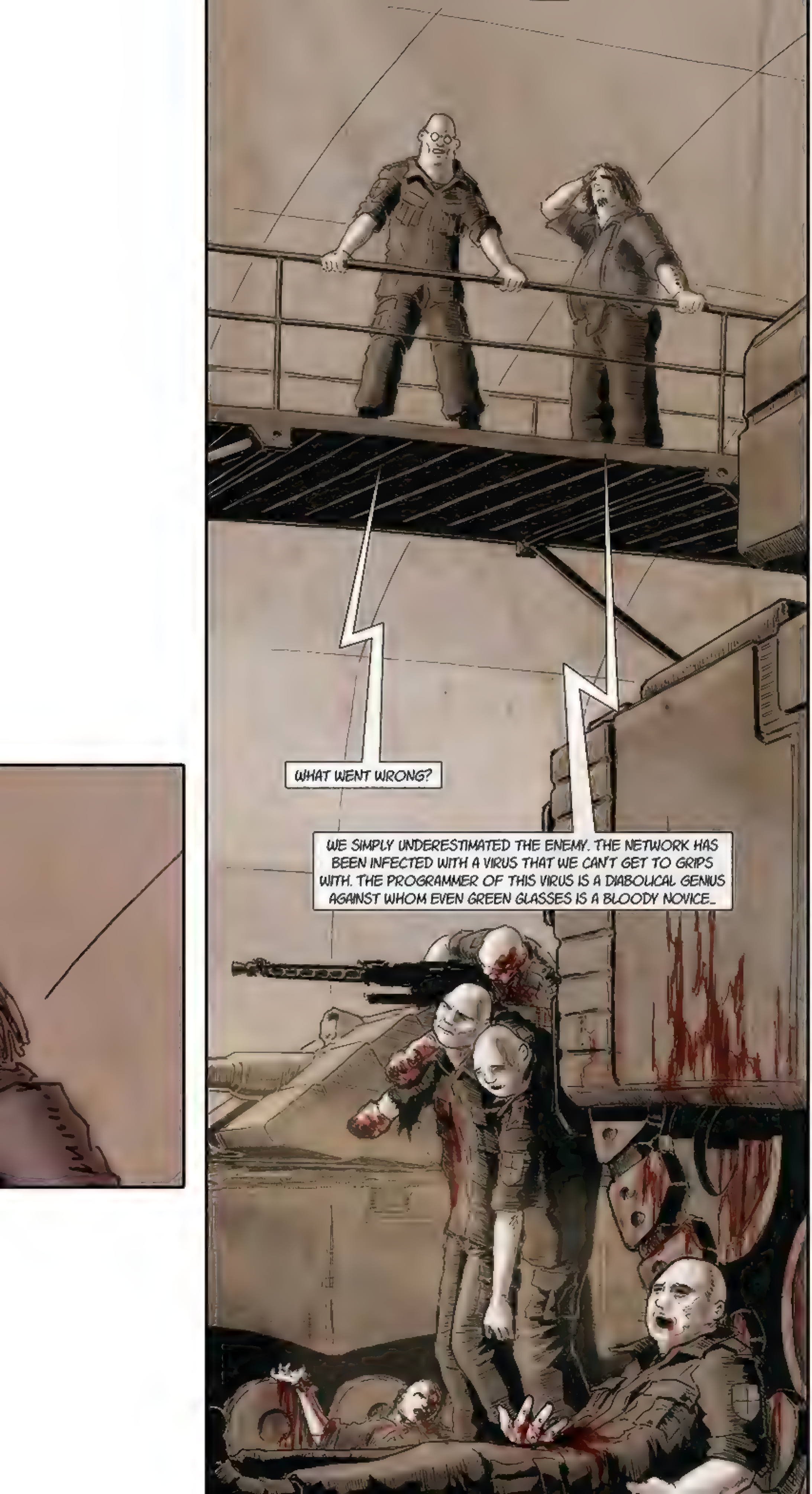
AT 40 PAGES, IT ENDED UP BEING A LITTLE TOO LONG. BUT AT THE TIME, I REALLY WANTED TO CONCLUDE THE STORY ARC AS A SIX-PART SERIES. I HAVE NO IDEA WHY.

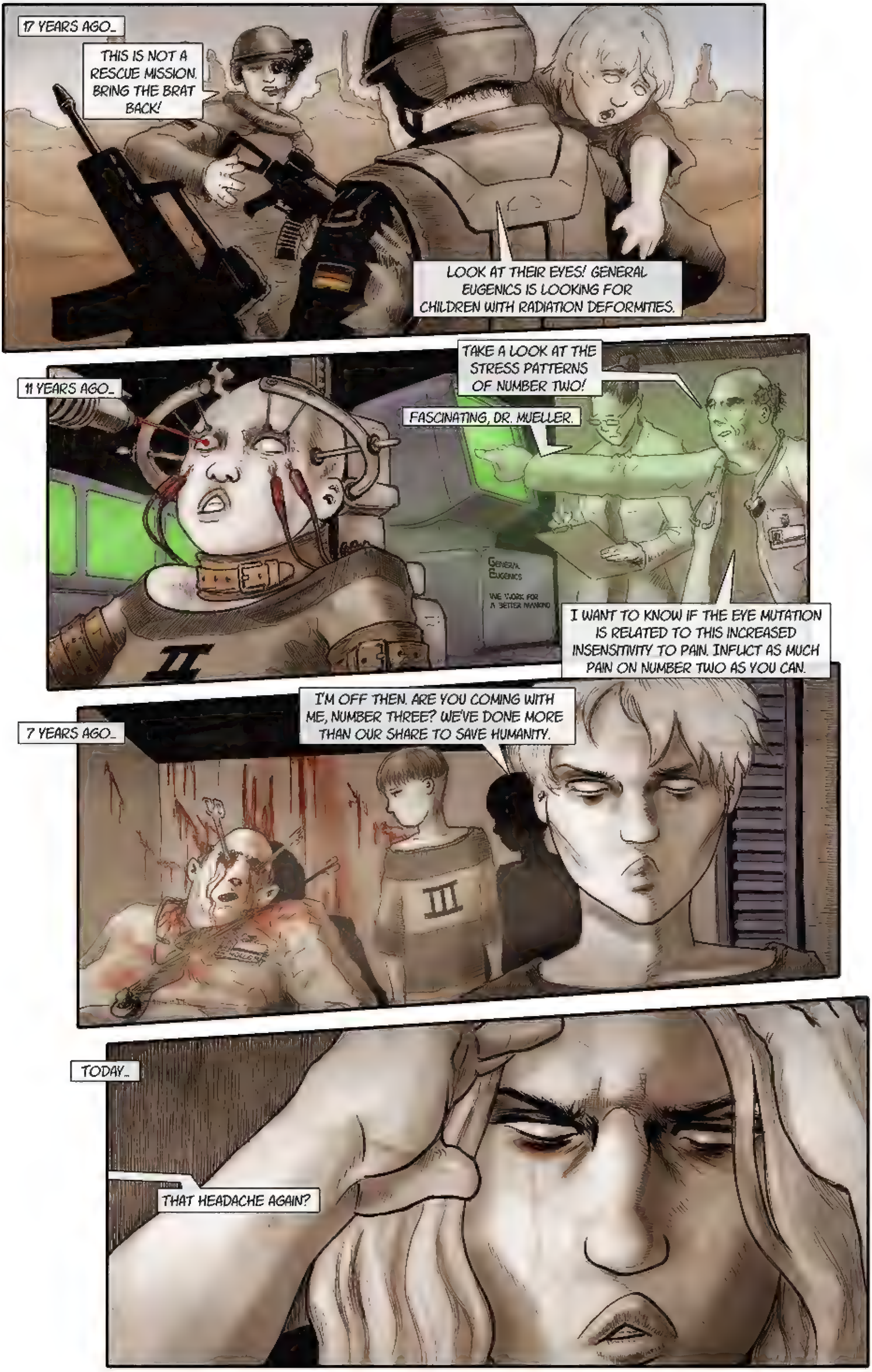
A BRIEF PREVIEW OF WHAT'S TO COME. IN 2026, I EXPECT TO PUBLISH THE LAST TWO ISSUES OF THE CONCLUDING SERIES HADES SYNDROME - EPITAPH IN GERMANY. THE KICKSTARTER CAMPAIGN FOR THE FINAL COLLECTOR´S EDITION WILL HOPEFULLY FOLLOW IN 2027.

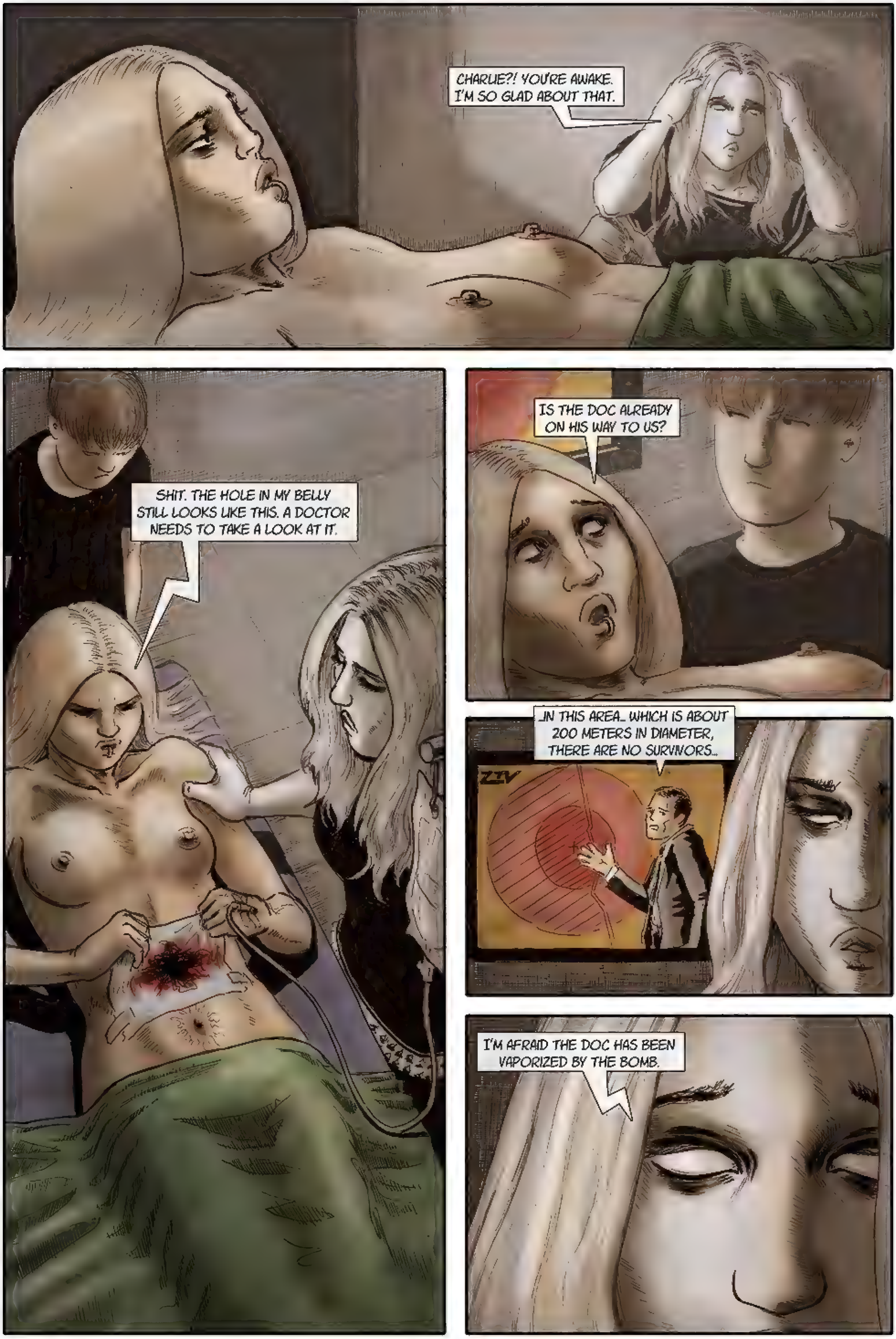
CHAPTER 6 ENDGAME

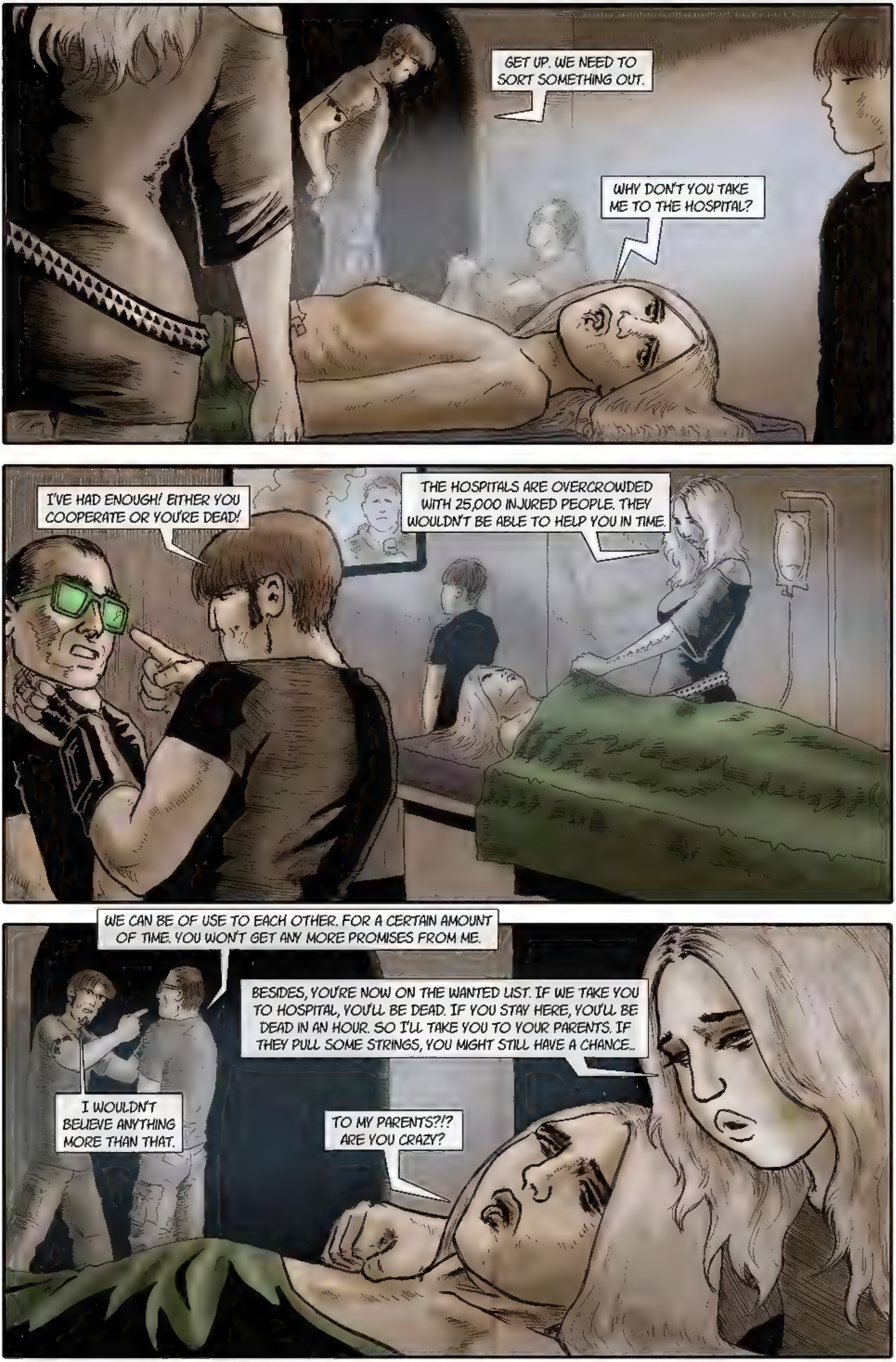
MICHAEL FELDMANNS
HADES-SYNDROM
TEIL VI: ENDSPIEL

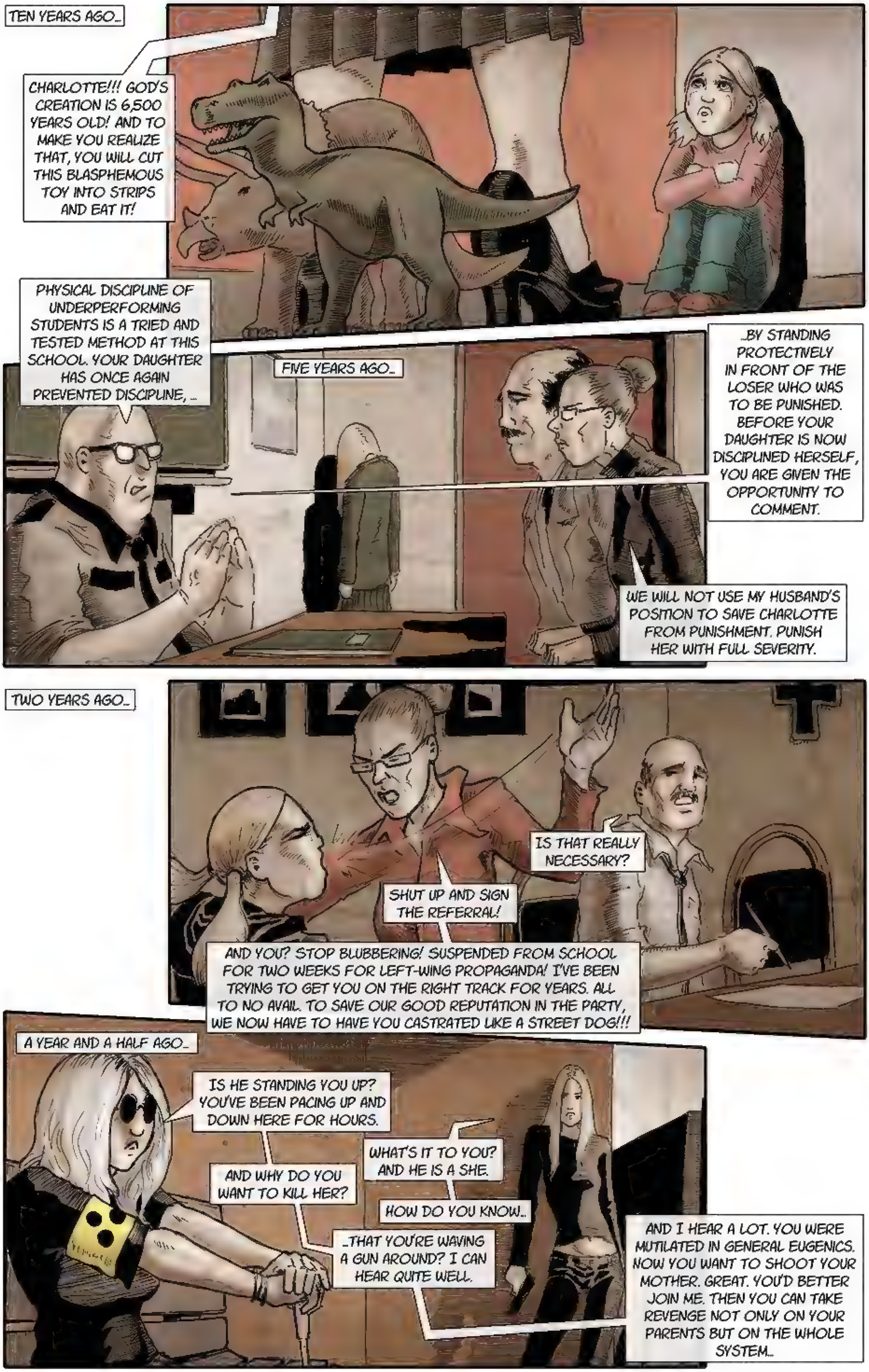

MAINTENANCE HALL III, FRONTEX, INC. BRANCH SECURITY SECTOR IV...
HOW MANY MEN HAVE WE LOST?
WHEN WILL REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE?
I CAN ANSWER MORE QUICKLY HOW MANY ARE STILL THERE. THE BRIGADE CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF 36 OFFICERS. NO NCOS, NO SOLDIERS.
NO ONE IS COMING. SHORTLY AFTER WE TRIGGERED DRONE BATTLE, THE ALARM RESERVE FROM SECTOR II TRIED TO JOIN US. SHORTLY AFTER THE SECTOR BORDER, EVERYONE'S RIGHT ARM EXPLODED. WE'VE BEEN IN QUARANTINE EVER SINCE. SECTOR IV IS SEALED OFF.

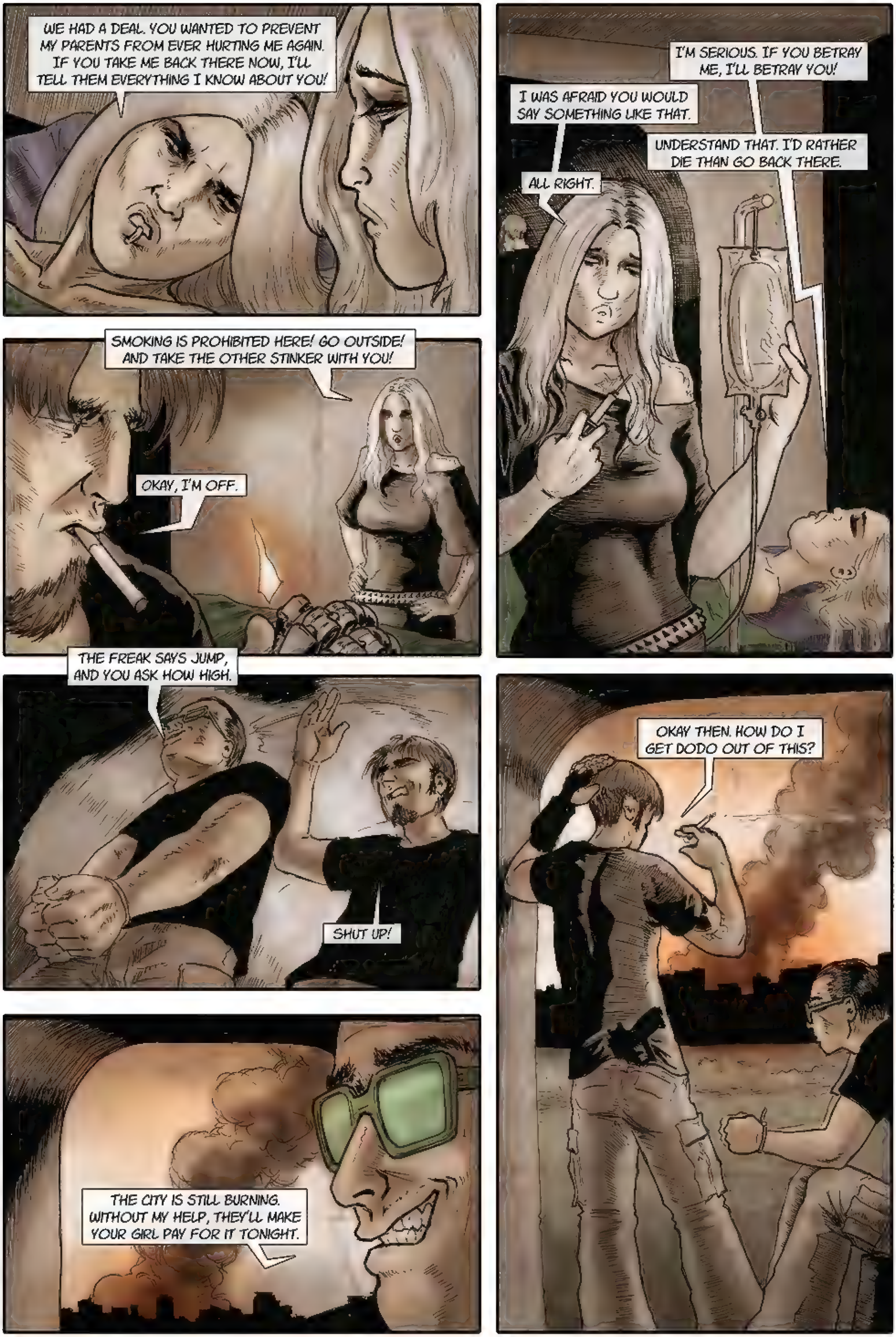

WHAT WENT WRONG?
WE SIMPLY UNDERESTIMATED THE ENEMY. THE NETWORK HAS BEEN INFECTED WITH A VIRUS THAT WE CAN'T GET TO GRIPS WITH. THE PROGRAMMER OF THIS VIRUS IS A DIABOLICAL GENIUS AGAINST WHOM EVEN GREEN GLASSES IS A BLOODY NOVICE...

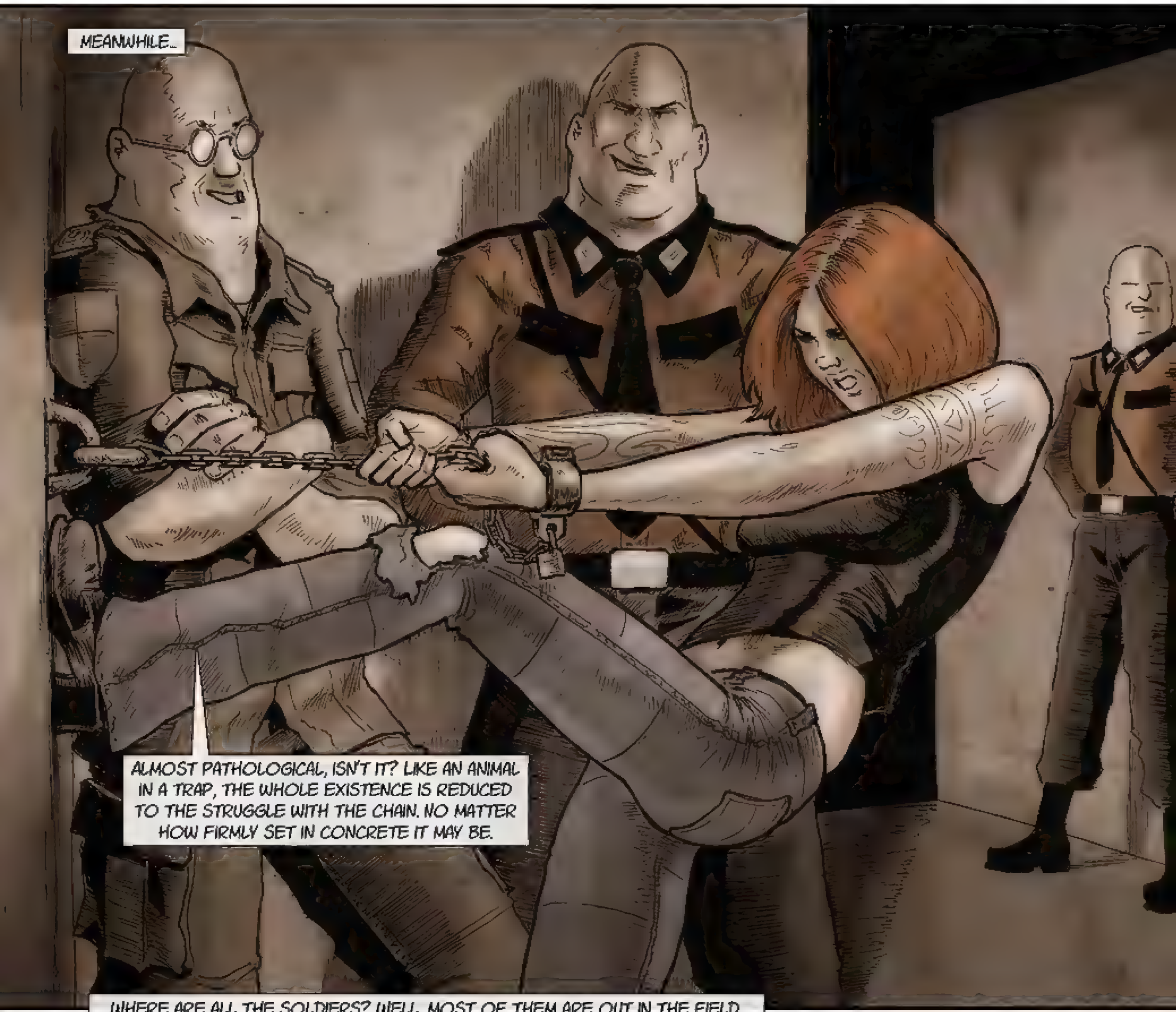

17 YEARS AGO...
THIS IS NOT A RESCUE MISSION. BRING THE BRAT BACK!
LOOK AT THEIR EYES! GENERAL EUGENICS IS LOOKING FOR CHILDREN WITH RADIATION DEFORMITIES.
11 YEARS AGO...
TAKE A LOOK AT THE STRESS PATTERNS OF NUMBER TWO!
FASCINATING, DR. MUELLER.
GENERAL EUGENICS
WE WORK FOR A BETTER MANKIND
II
I WANT TO KNOW IF THE EYE MUTATION IS RELATED TO THIS INCREASED INSENSITIVITY TO PAIN. INFLICT AS MUCH PAIN ON NUMBER TWO AS YOU CAN.
7 YEARS AGO...
I'M OFF THEN. ARE YOU COMING WITH ME, NUMBER THREE? WE'VE DONE MORE THAN OUR SHARE TO SAVE HUMANITY.
III
TODAY...
THAT HEADACHE AGAIN?

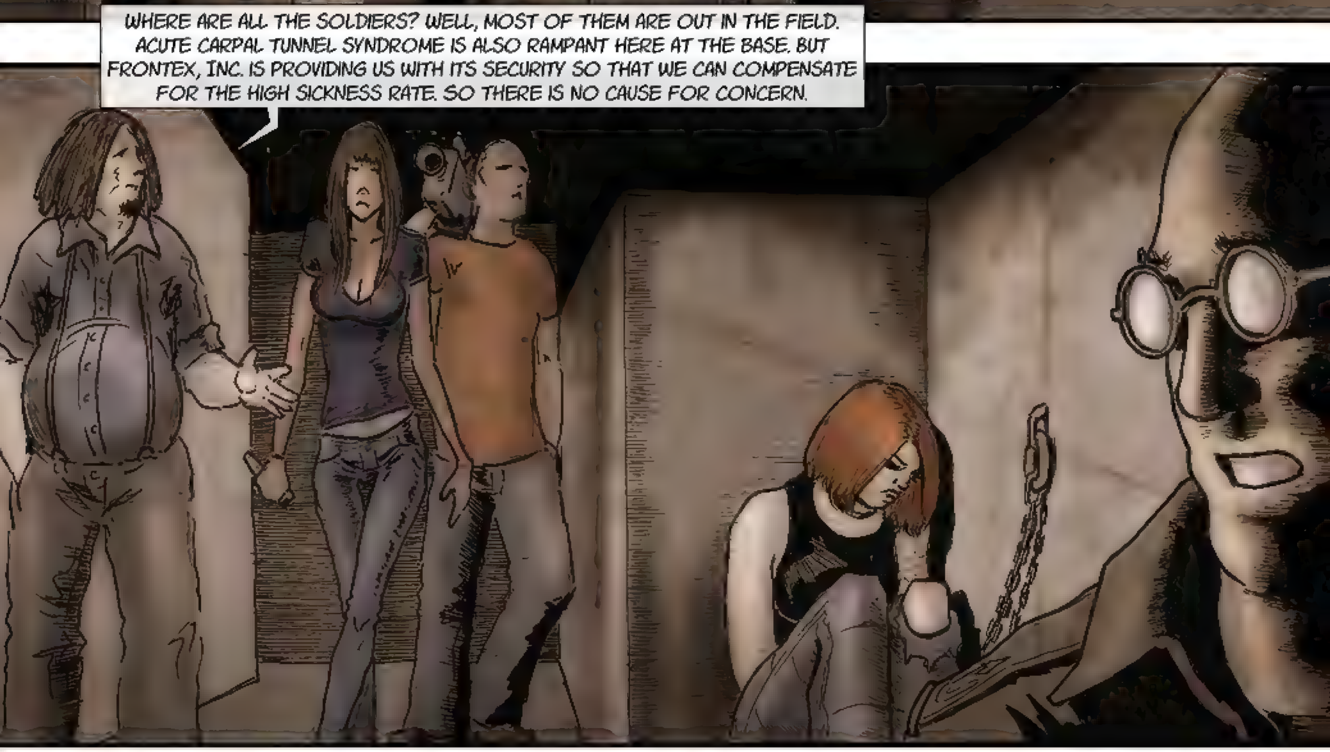

CHARLIE?! YOU'RE AWAKE. I'M SO GLAD ABOUT THAT.
SHIT. THE HOLE IN MY BELLY STILL LOOKS LIKE THIS. A DOCTOR NEEDS TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.
IS THE DOC ALREADY ON HIS WAY TO US?
ZTV
...IN THIS AREA... WHICH IS ABOUT 200 METERS IN DIAMETER, THERE ARE NO SURVIVORS...
I'M AFRAID THE DOC HAS BEEN VAPORIZED BY THE BOMB.

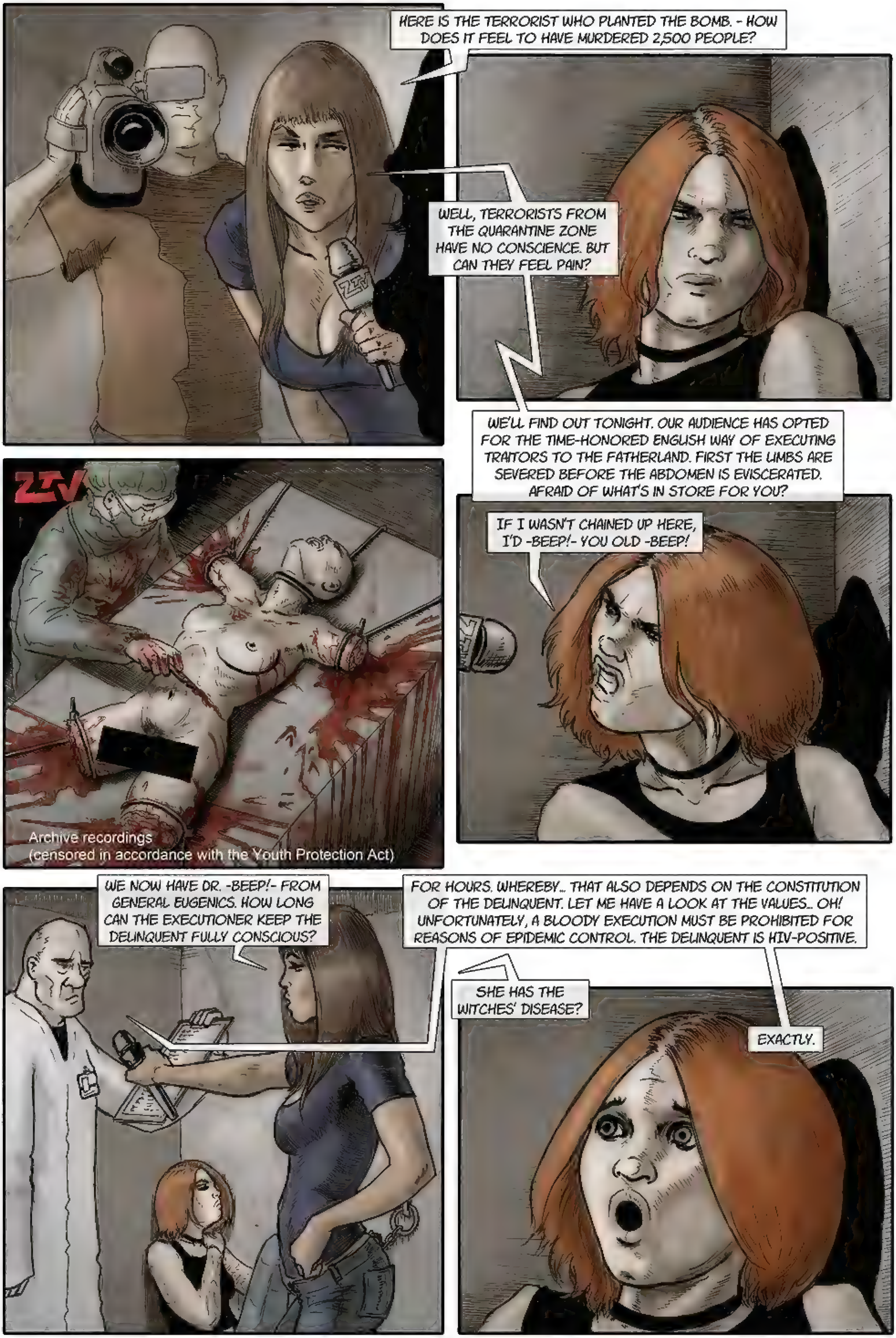

GET UP. WE NEED TO SORT SOMETHING OUT.
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE ME TO THE HOSPITAL?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH! EITHER YOU COOPERATE OR YOU'RE DEAD!
THE HOSPITALS ARE OVERCROWDED WITH 25,000 INJURED PEOPLE. THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU IN TIME.
WE CAN BE OF USE TO EACH OTHER. FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME. YOU WON'T GET ANY MORE PROMISES FROM ME.
BESIDES, YOU'RE NOW ON THE WANTED LIST. IF WE TAKE YOU TO HOSPITAL, YOU'LL BE DEAD. IF YOU STAY HERE, YOU'LL BE DEAD IN AN HOUR. SO I'LL TAKE YOU TO YOUR PARENTS. IF THEY PULL SOME STRINGS, YOU MIGHT STILL HAVE A CHANCE...
I WOULDN'T BELIEVE ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT.
TO MY PARENTS?!? ARE YOU CRAZY?


TEN YEARS AGO...
CHARLOTTE!!! GOD'S CREATION IS 6,500 YEARS OLD! AND TO MAKE YOU REALIZE THAT, YOU WILL CUT THIS BLASPHEMOUS TOY INTO STRIPS AND EAT IT!
PHYSICAL DISCIPLINE OF UNDERPERFORMING STUDENTS IS A TRIED AND TESTED METHOD AT THIS SCHOOL. YOUR DAUGHTER HAS ONCE AGAIN PREVENTED DISCIPLINE, ...
FIVE YEARS AGO...
...BY STANDING PROTECTIVELY IN FRONT OF THE LOSER WHO WAS TO BE PUNISHED. BEFORE YOUR DAUGHTER IS NOW DISCIPLINED HERSELF, YOU ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.
WE WILL NOT USE MY HUSBAND'S POSITION TO SAVE CHARLOTTE FROM PUNISHMENT. PUNISH HER WITH FULL SEVERITY.
TWO YEARS AGO...
IS THAT REALLY NECESSARY?
SHUT UP AND SIGN THE REFERRAL!
AND YOU? STOP BLUBBERING! SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL FOR TWO WEEKS FOR LEFT-WING PROPAGANDA! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET YOU ON THE RIGHT TRACK FOR YEARS. ALL TO NO AVAIL. TO SAVE OUR GOOD REPUTATION IN THE PARTY, WE NOW HAVE TO HAVE YOU CASTRATED LIKE A STREET DOG!!!
A YEAR AND A HALF AGO...
IS HE STANDING YOU UP? YOU'VE BEEN PACING UP AND DOWN HERE FOR HOURS.
WHAT'S IT TO YOU? AND HE IS A SHE.
AND WHY DO YOU WANT TO KILL HER?
HOW DO YOU KNOW...
...THAT YOU'RE WAVING A GUN AROUND? I CAN HEAR QUITE WELL.
AND I HEAR A LOT. YOU WERE MUTILATED IN GENERAL EUGENICS. NOW YOU WANT TO SHOOT YOUR MOTHER. GREAT. YOU'D BETTER JOIN ME. THEN YOU CAN TAKE REVENGE NOT ONLY ON YOUR PARENTS BUT ON THE WHOLE SYSTEM...


WE HAD A DEAL. YOU WANTED TO PREVENT MY PARENTS FROM EVER HURTING ME AGAIN. IF YOU TAKE ME BACK THERE NOW, I'LL TELL THEM EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT YOU!
I'M SERIOUS. IF YOU BETRAY ME, I'LL BETRAY YOU!
I WAS AFRAID YOU WOULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
UNDERSTAND THAT. I'D RATHER DIE THAN GO BACK THERE.
ALL RIGHT.
SMOKING IS PROHIBITED HERE! GO OUTSIDE! AND TAKE THE OTHER STINKER WITH YOU!
OKAY, I'M OFF.
THE FREAK SAYS JUMP, AND YOU ASK HOW HIGH.
SHUT UP!
THE CITY IS STILL BURNING. WITHOUT MY HELP, THEY'LL MAKE YOUR GIRL PAY FOR IT TONIGHT.
OKAY THEN. HOW DO I GET DODO OUT OF THIS?


MEANWHILE...
ALMOST PATHOLOGICAL, ISN'T IT? LIKE AN ANIMAL IN A TRAP, THE WHOLE EXISTENCE IS REDUCED TO THE STRUGGLE WITH THE CHAIN. NO MATTER HOW FIRMLY SET IN CONCRETE IT MAY BE.


WHERE ARE ALL THE SOLDIERS? WELL, MOST OF THEM ARE OUT IN THE FIELD. ACUTE CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME IS ALSO RAMPANT HERE AT THE BASE. BUT FRONTEX, INC. IS PROVIDING US WITH ITS SECURITY SO THAT WE CAN COMPENSATE FOR THE HIGH SICKNESS RATE. SO THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN.


HERE IS THE TERRORIST WHO PLANTED THE BOMB. - HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE MURDERED 2,500 PEOPLE?
WELL, TERRORISTS FROM THE QUARANTINE ZONE HAVE NO CONSCIENCE. BUT CAN THEY FEEL PAIN?
WE'LL FIND OUT TONIGHT. OUR AUDIENCE HAS OPTED FOR THE TIME-HONORED ENGLISH WAY OF EXECUTING TRAITORS TO THE FATHERLAND. FIRST THE LIMBS ARE SEVERED BEFORE THE ABDOMEN IS EVISCERATED. AFRAID OF WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOU?
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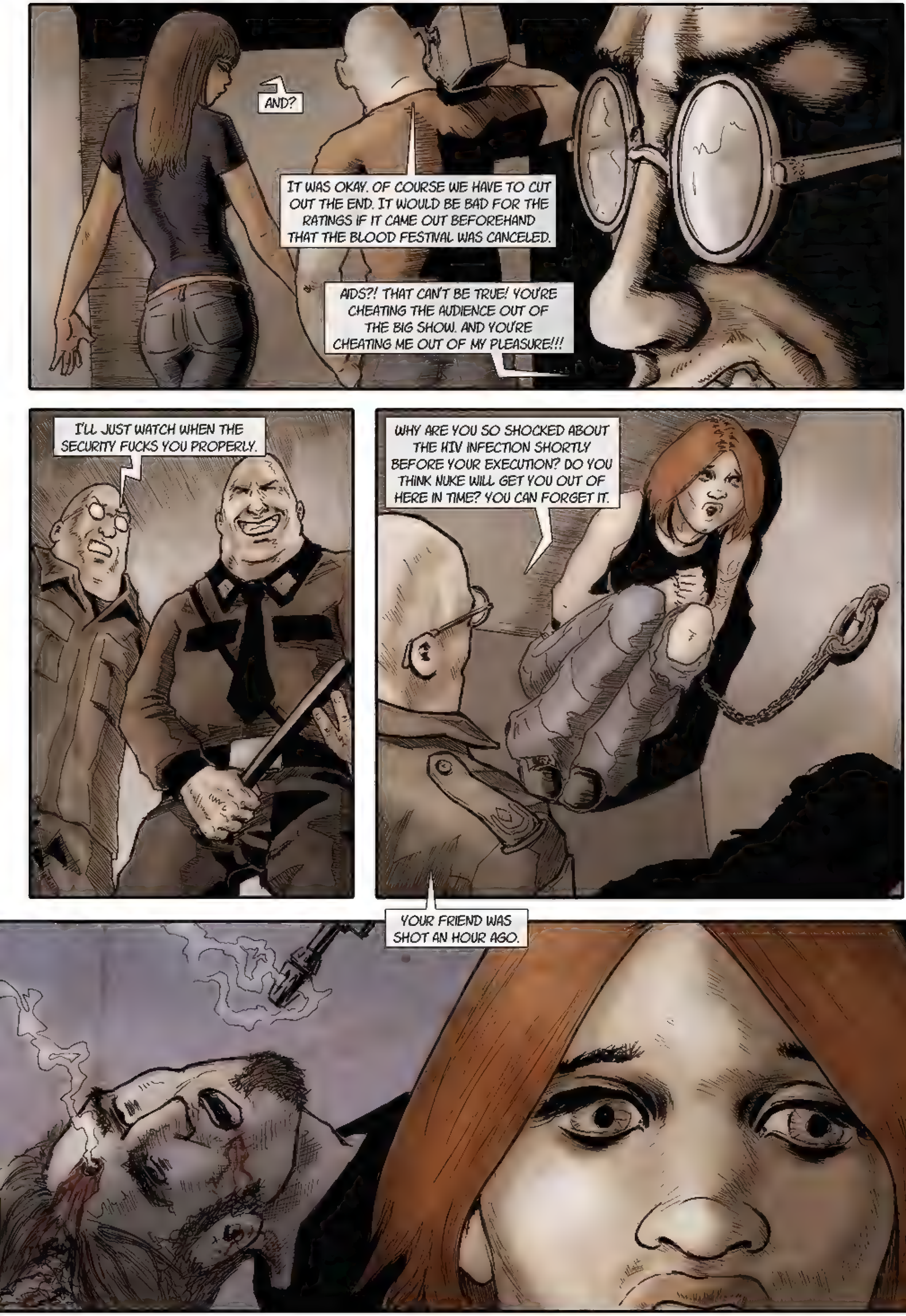
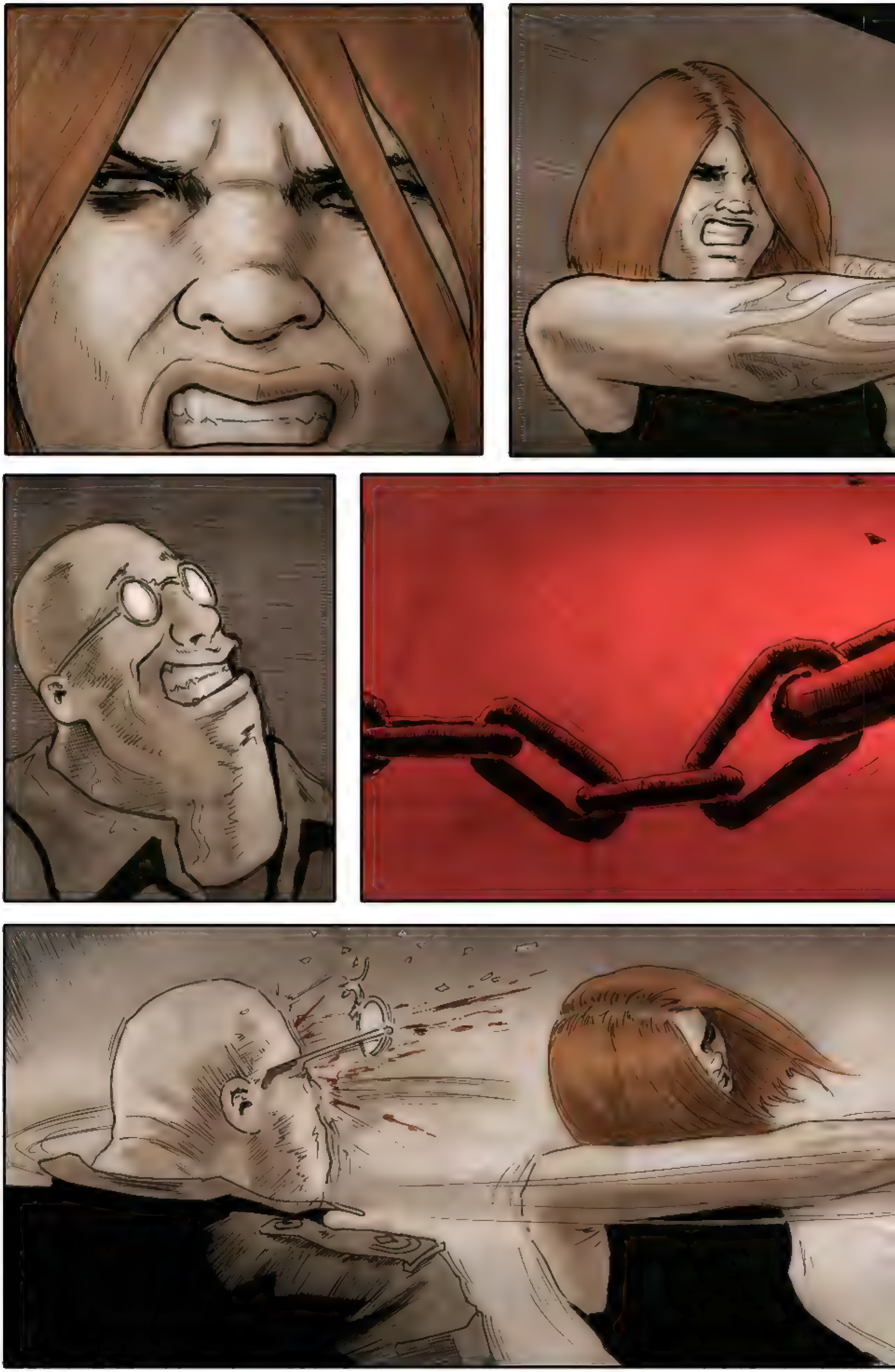
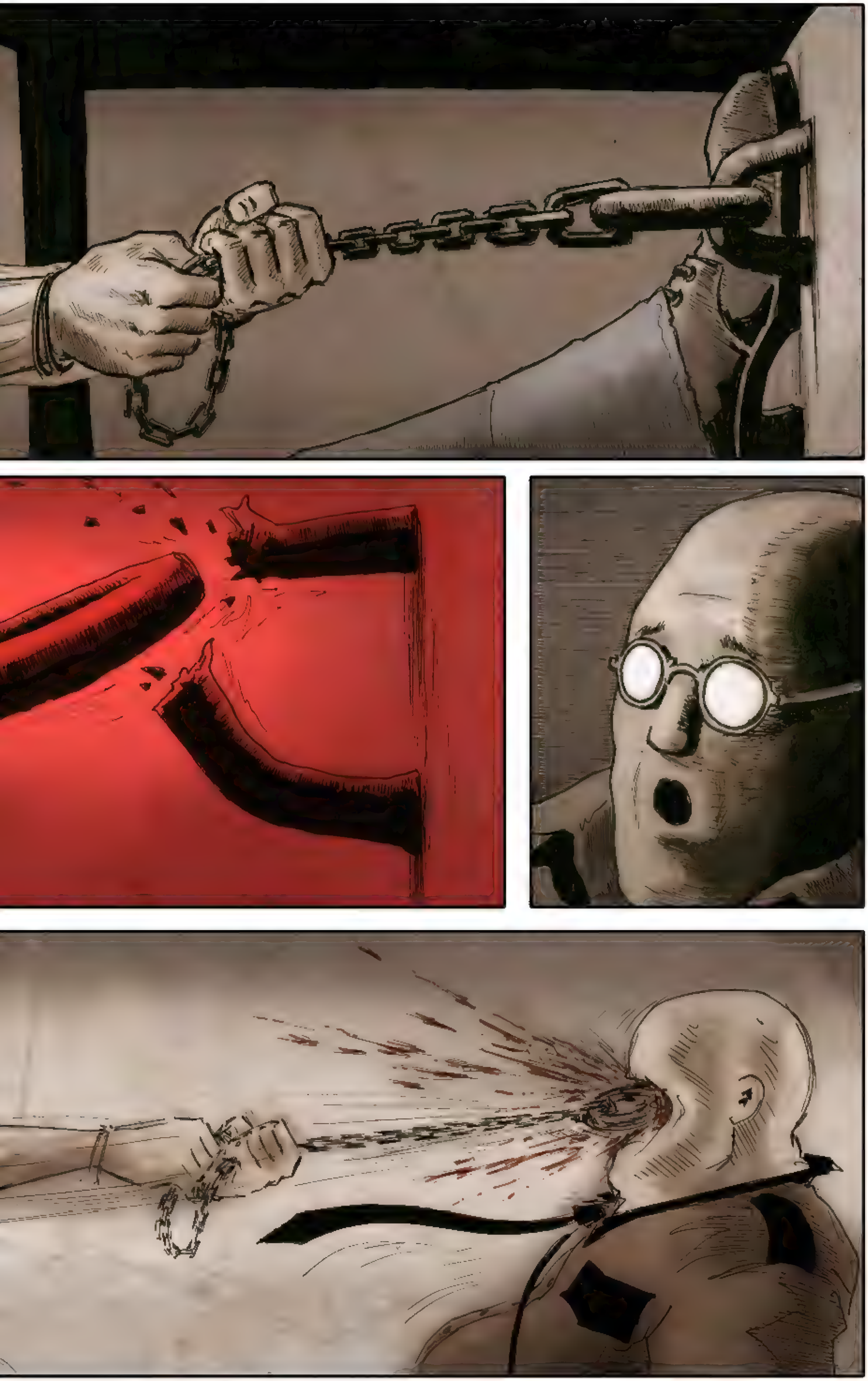
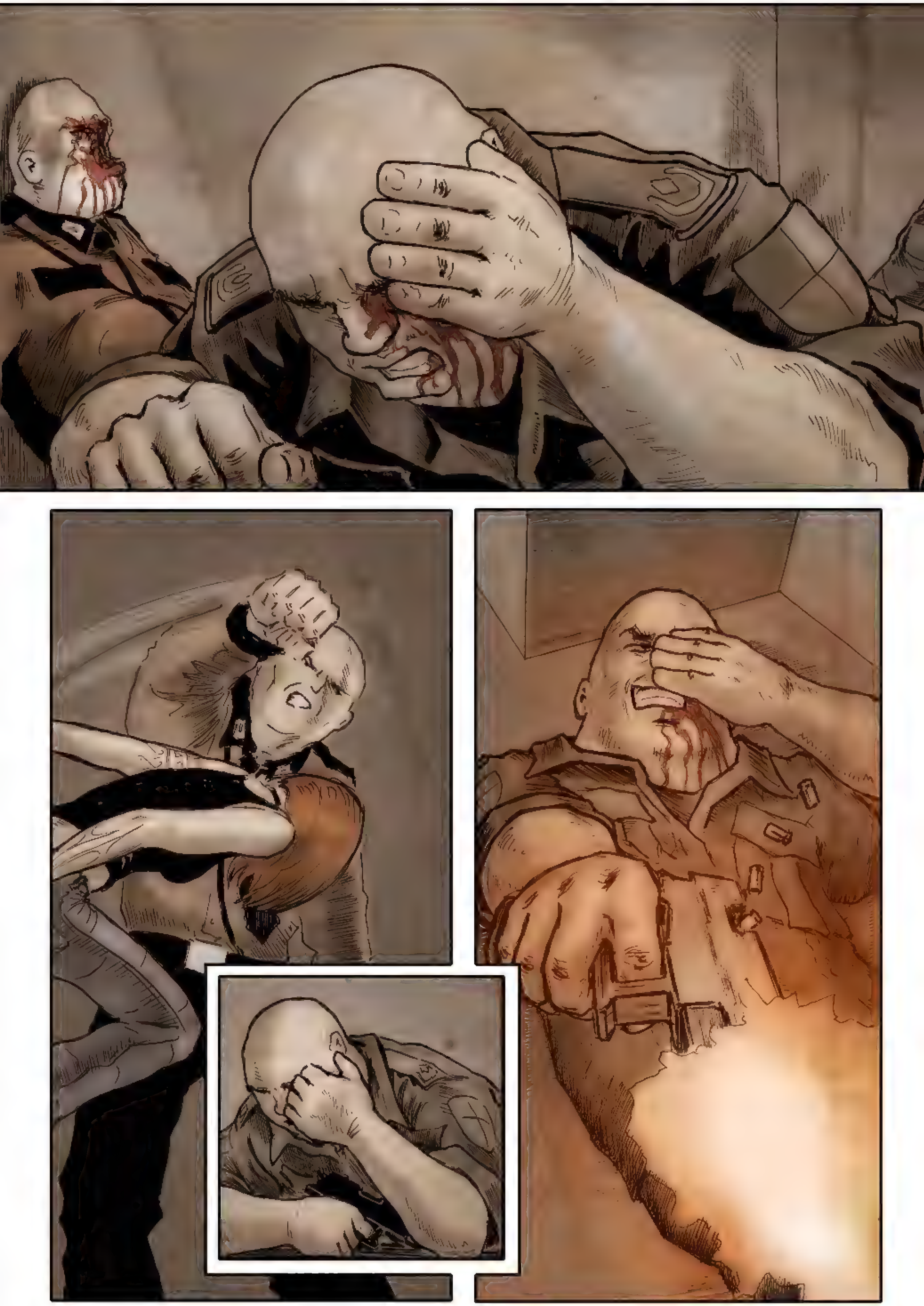
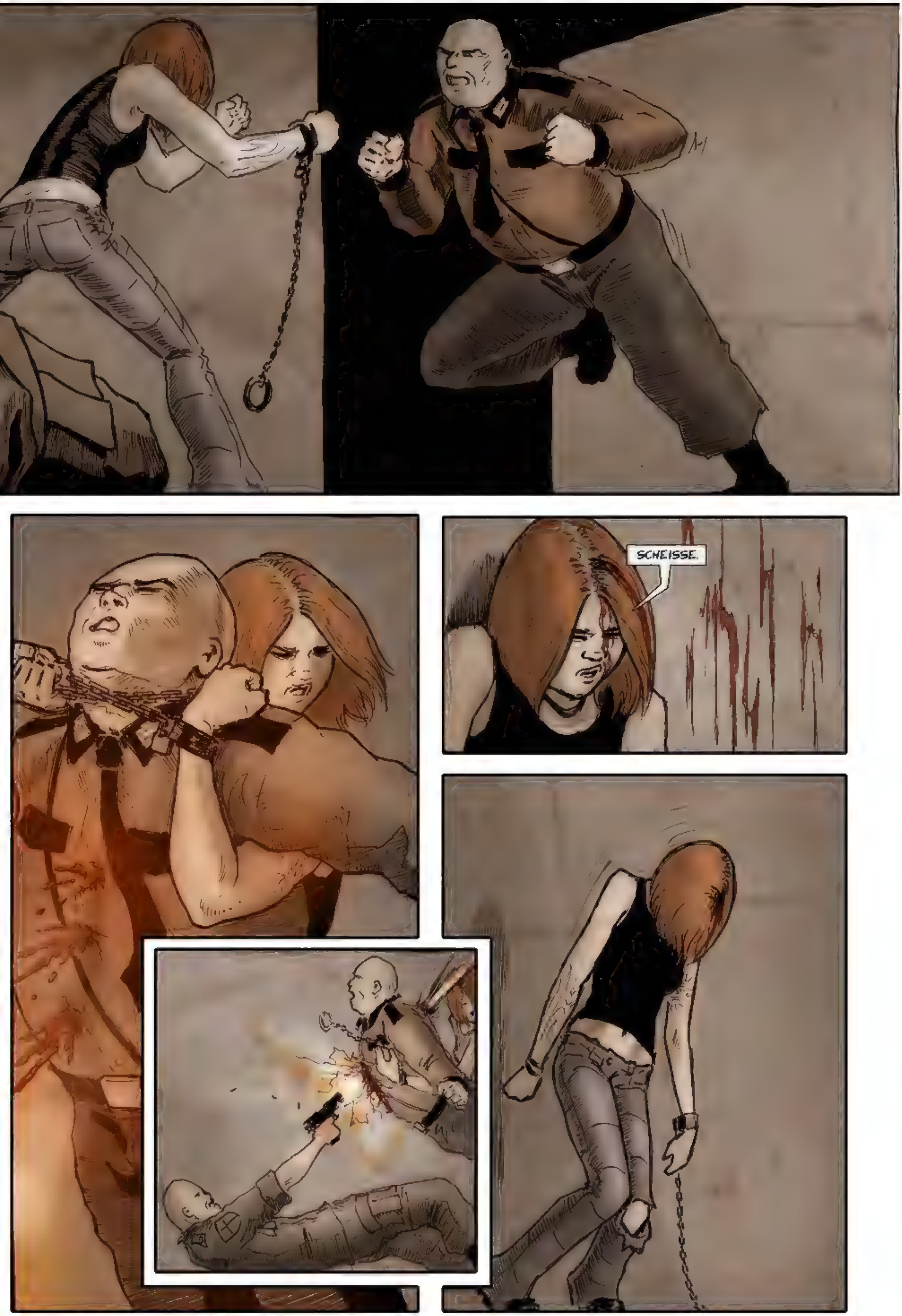
IF I WASN'T CHAINED UP HERE, I'D -BEEP!- YOU OLD -BEEP!
WE NOW HAVE DR. -BEEP!- FROM GENERAL EUGENICS. HOW LONG CAN THE EXECUTIONER KEEP THE DELINQUENT FULLY CONSCIOUS?
FOR HOURS. WHEREBY... THAT ALSO DEPENDS ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE DELINQUENT. LET ME HAVE A LOOK AT THE VALUES... OH! UNFORTUNATELY, A BLOODY EXECUTION MUST BE PROHIBITED FOR REASONS OF EPIDEMIC CONTROL. THE DELINQUENT IS HIV-POSITIVE.
SHE HAS THE WITCHES' DISEASE?
EXACTLY.


AND?
IT WAS OKAY. OF COURSE WE HAVE TO CUT OUT THE END. IT WOULD BE BAD FOR THE RATINGS IF IT CAME OUT BEFOREHAND THAT THE BLOOD FESTIVAL WAS CANCELED.
AIDS?! THAT CAN'T BE TRUE! YOU'RE CHEATING THE AUDIENCE OUT OF THE BIG SHOW. AND YOU'RE CHEATING ME OUT OF MY PLEASURE!!!
I'LL JUST WATCH WHEN THE SECURITY FUCKS YOU PROPERLY.
WHY ARE YOU SO SHOCKED ABOUT THE HIV INFECTION SHORTLY BEFORE YOUR EXECUTION? DO YOU THINK NUKE WILL GET YOU OUT OF HERE IN TIME? YOU CAN FORGET IT.
YOUR FRIEND WAS SHOT AN HOUR AGO.





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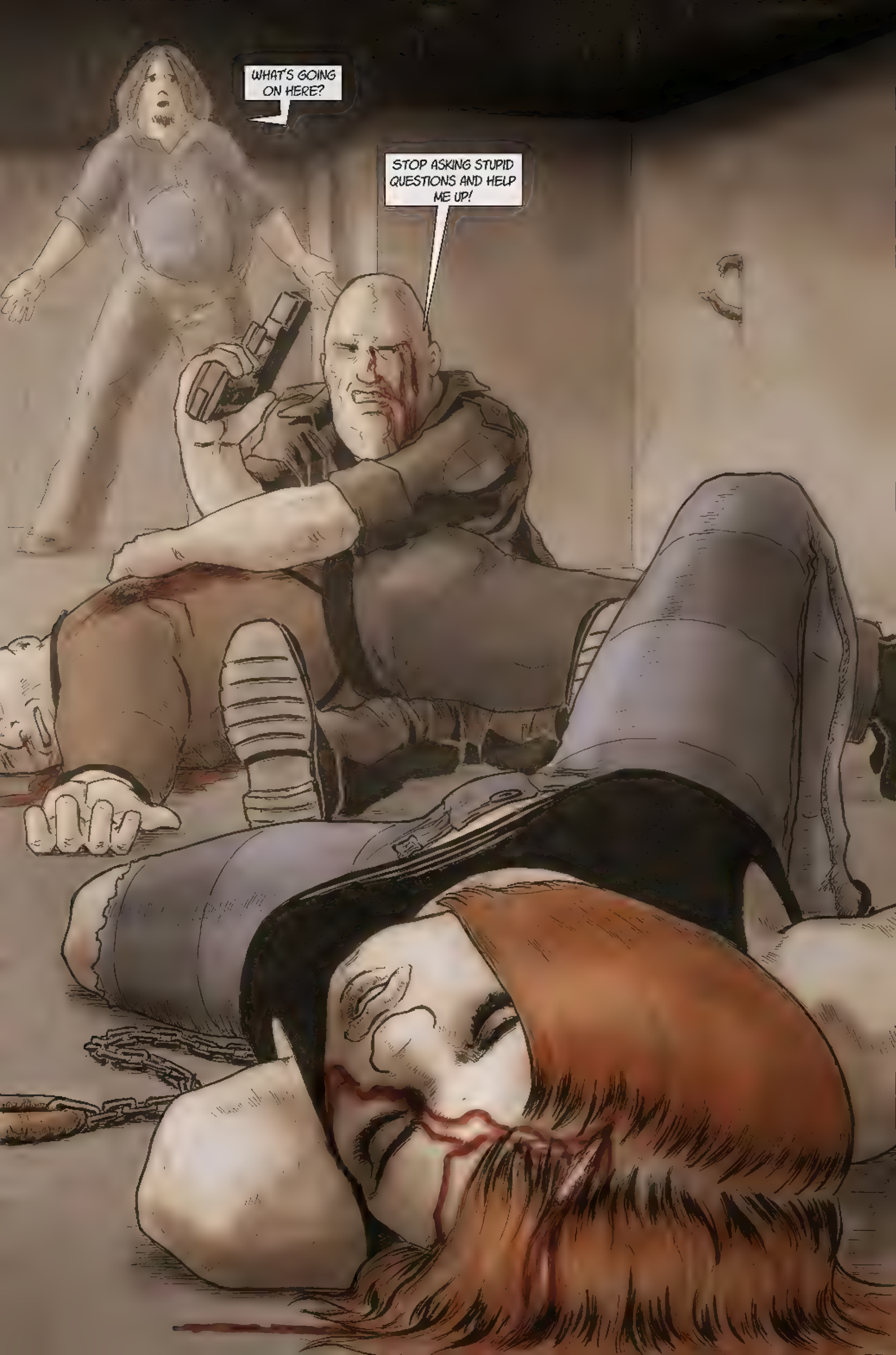
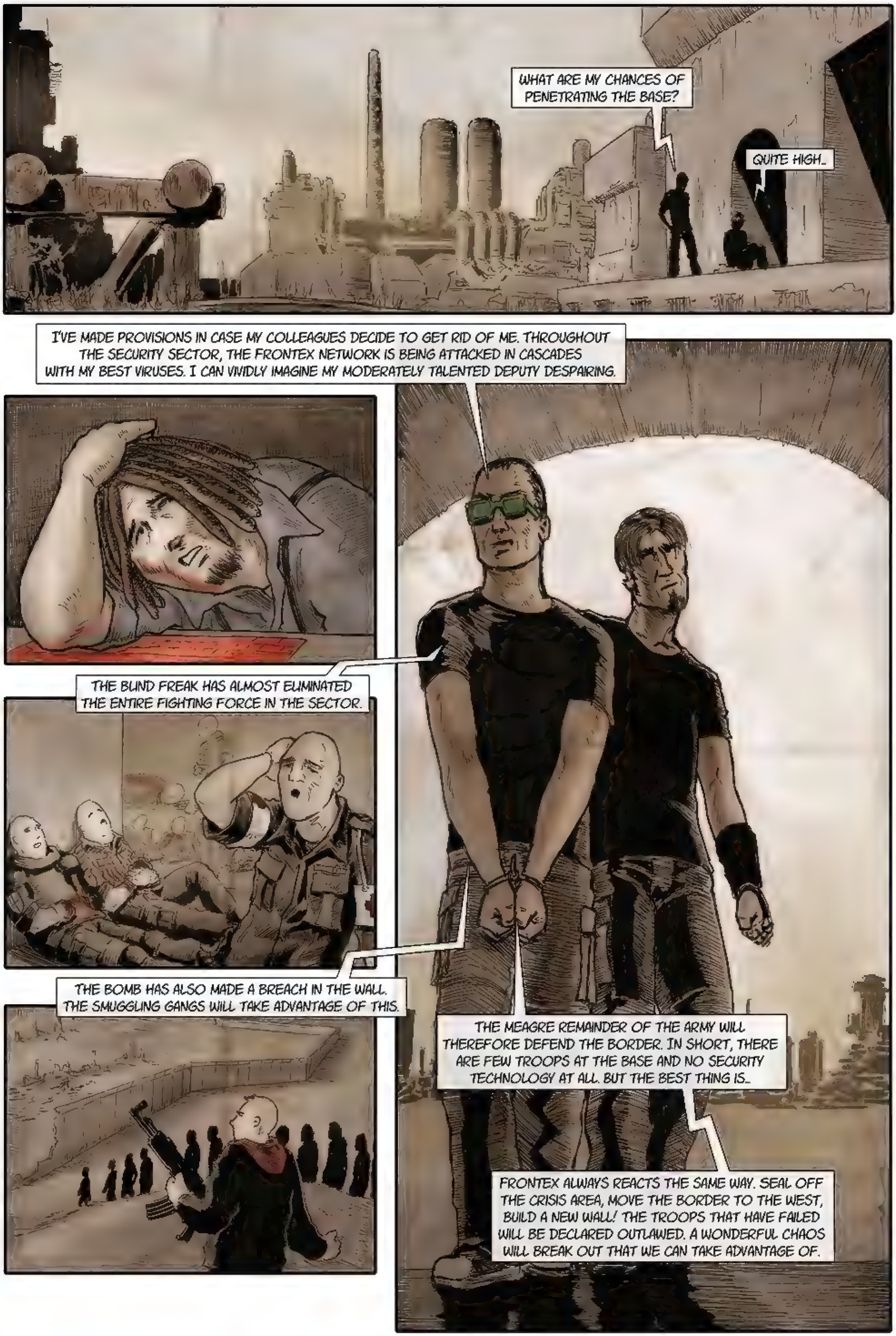
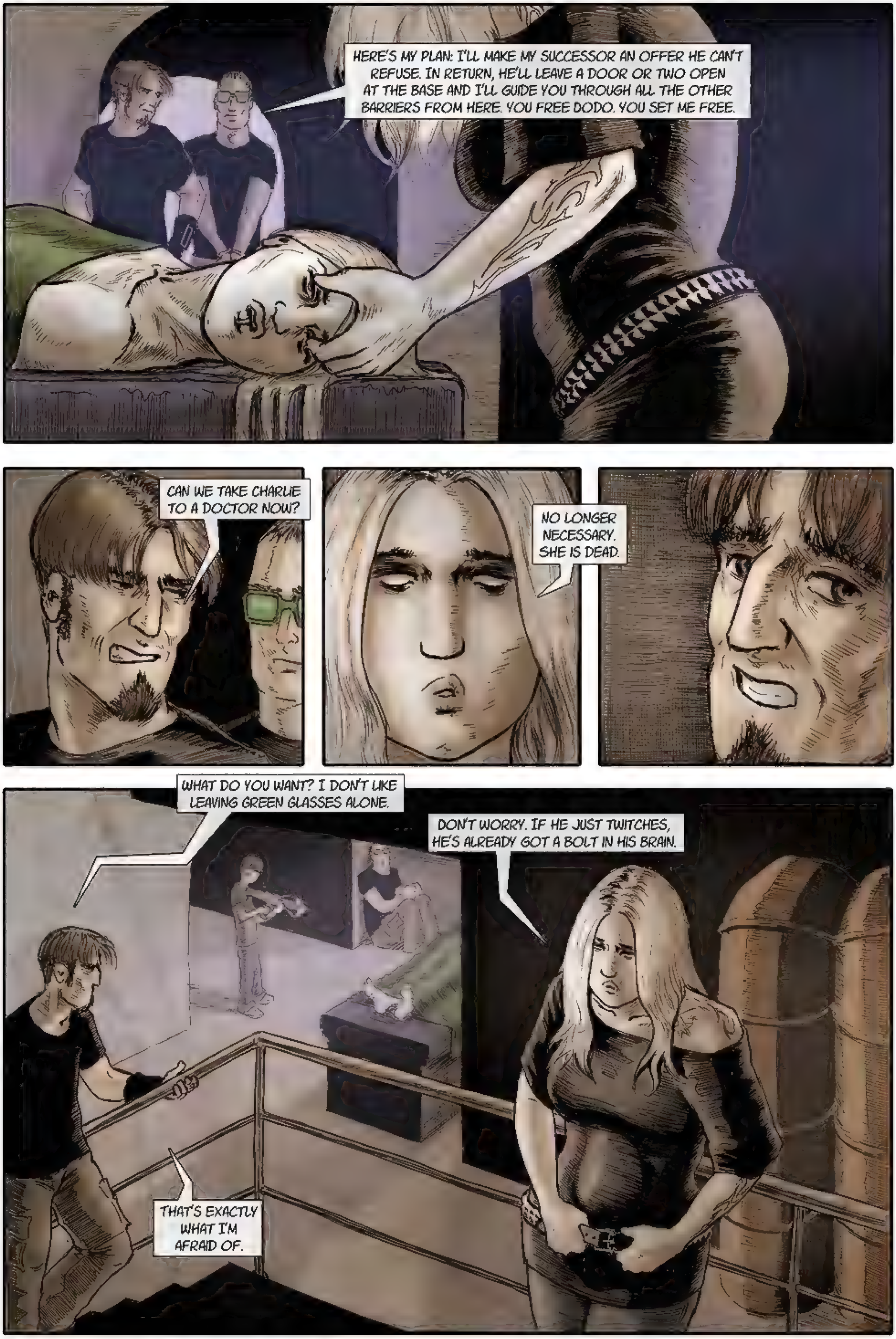
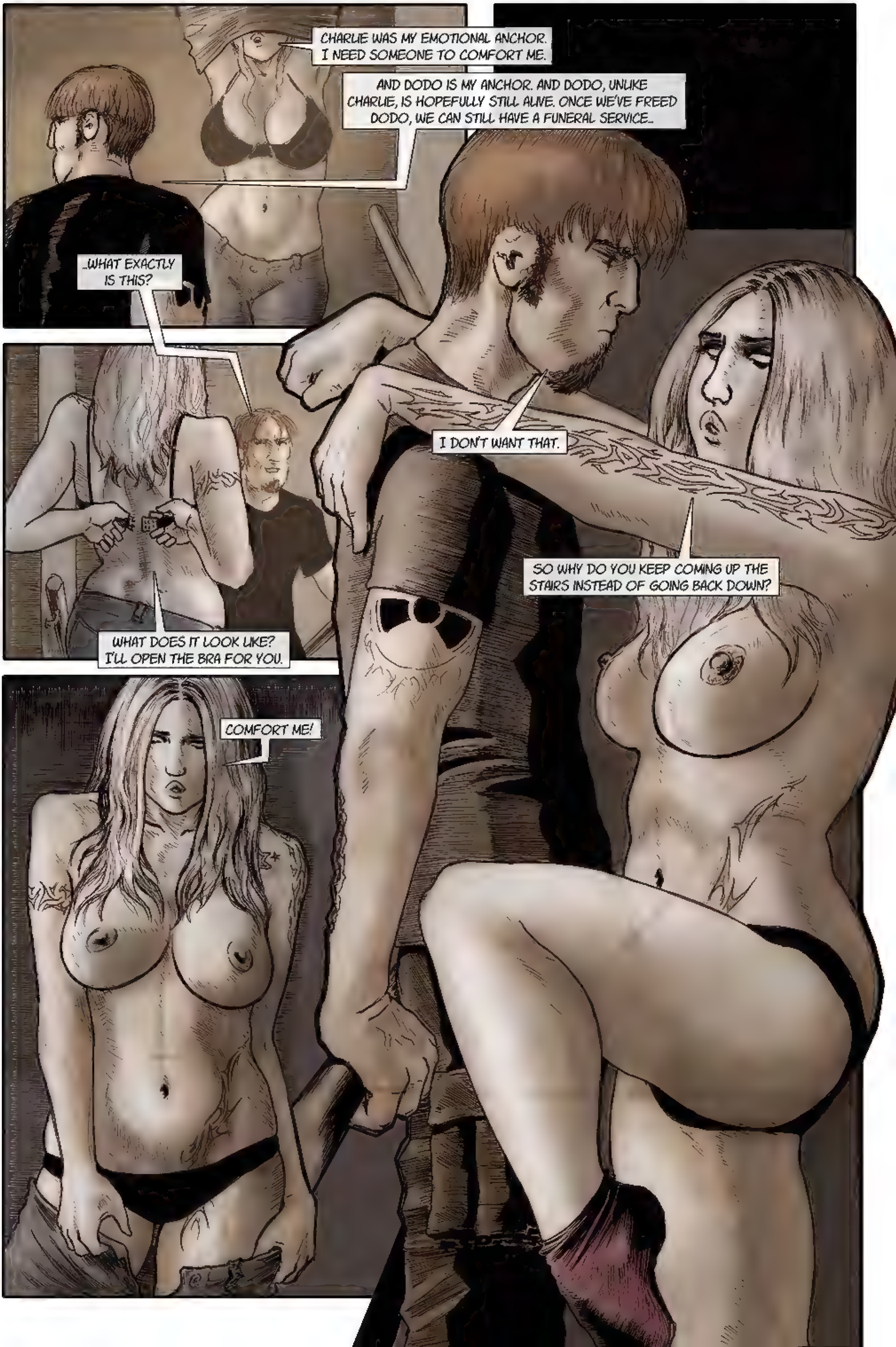
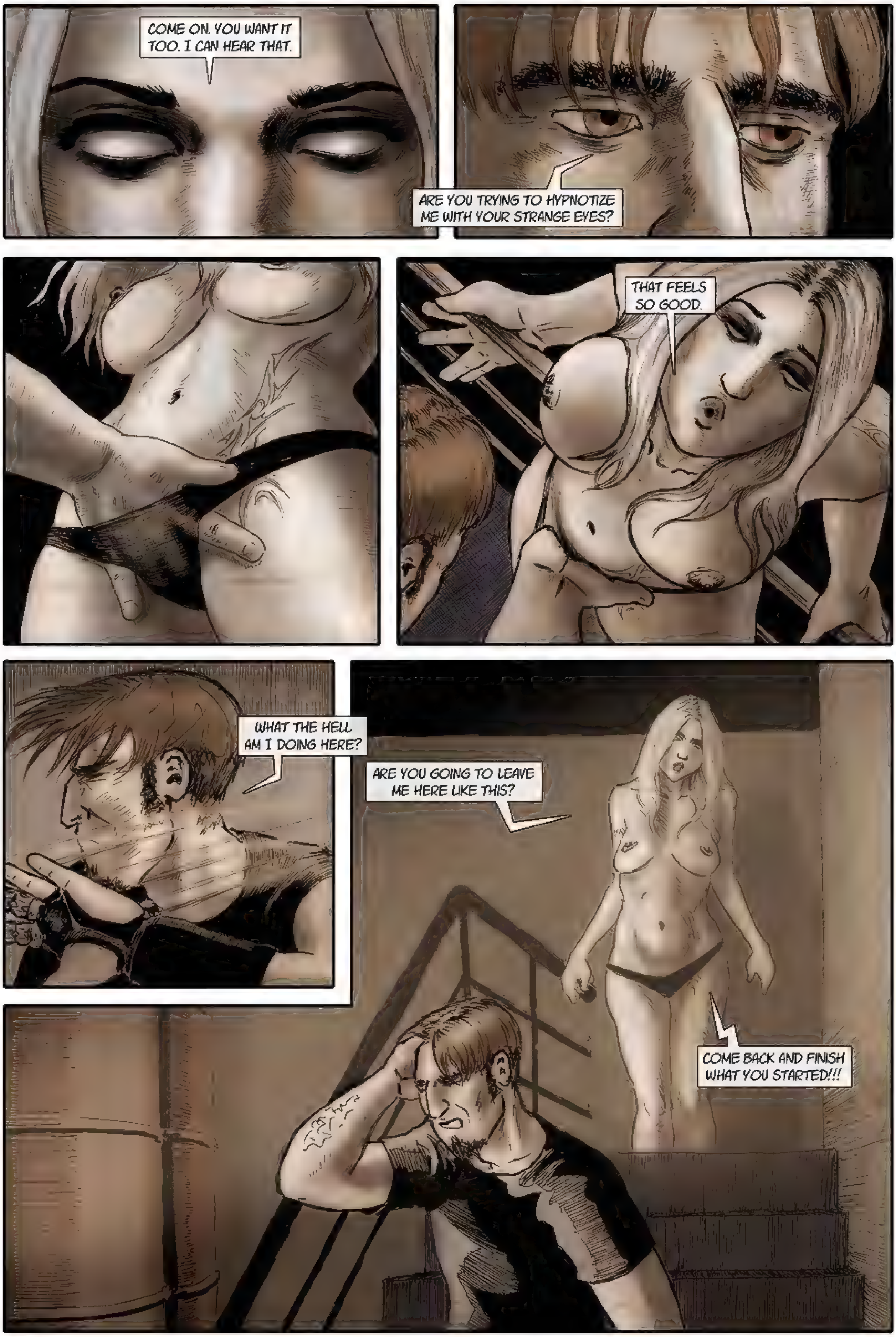
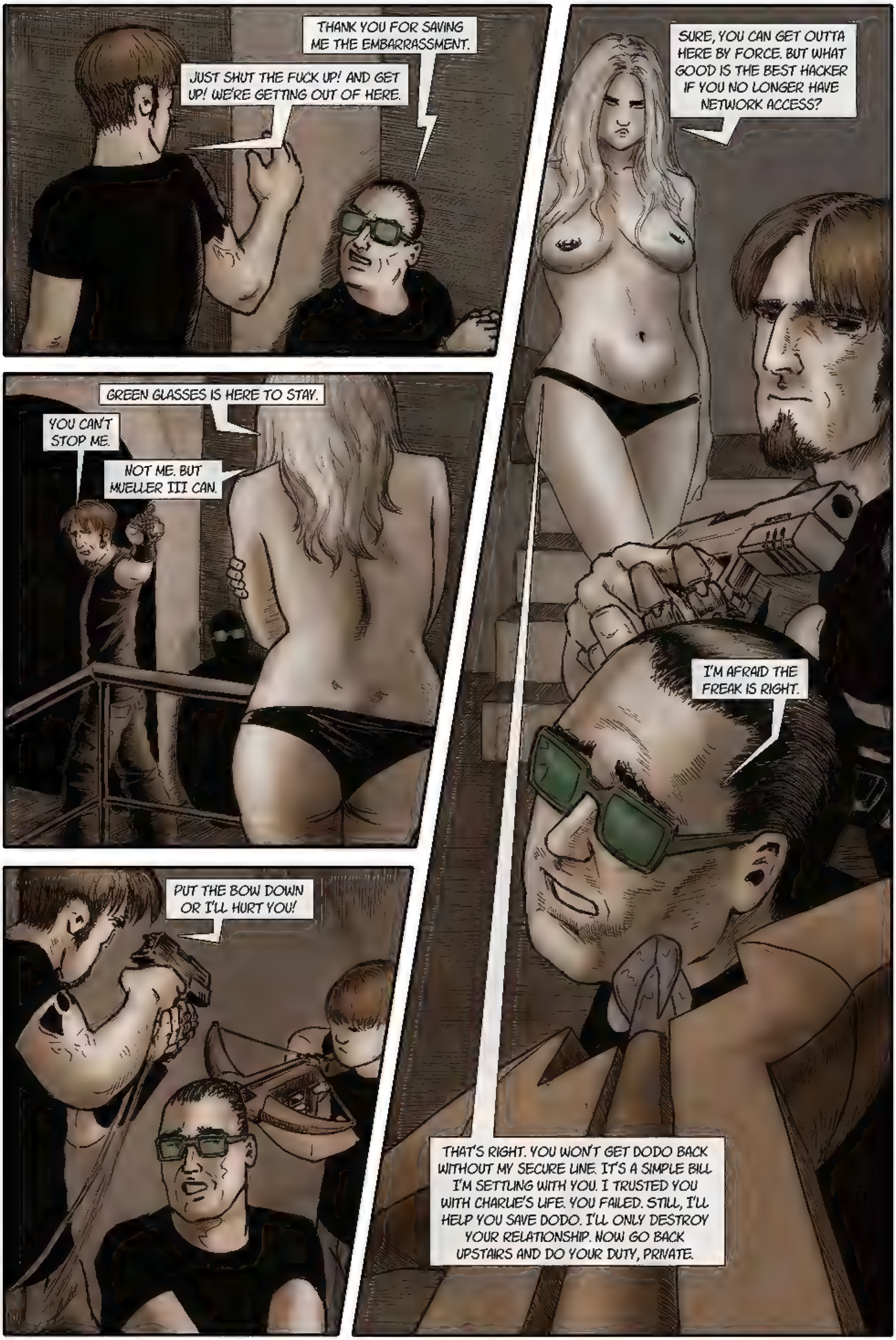

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
STOP ASKING STUPID QUESTIONS AND HELP ME UP!

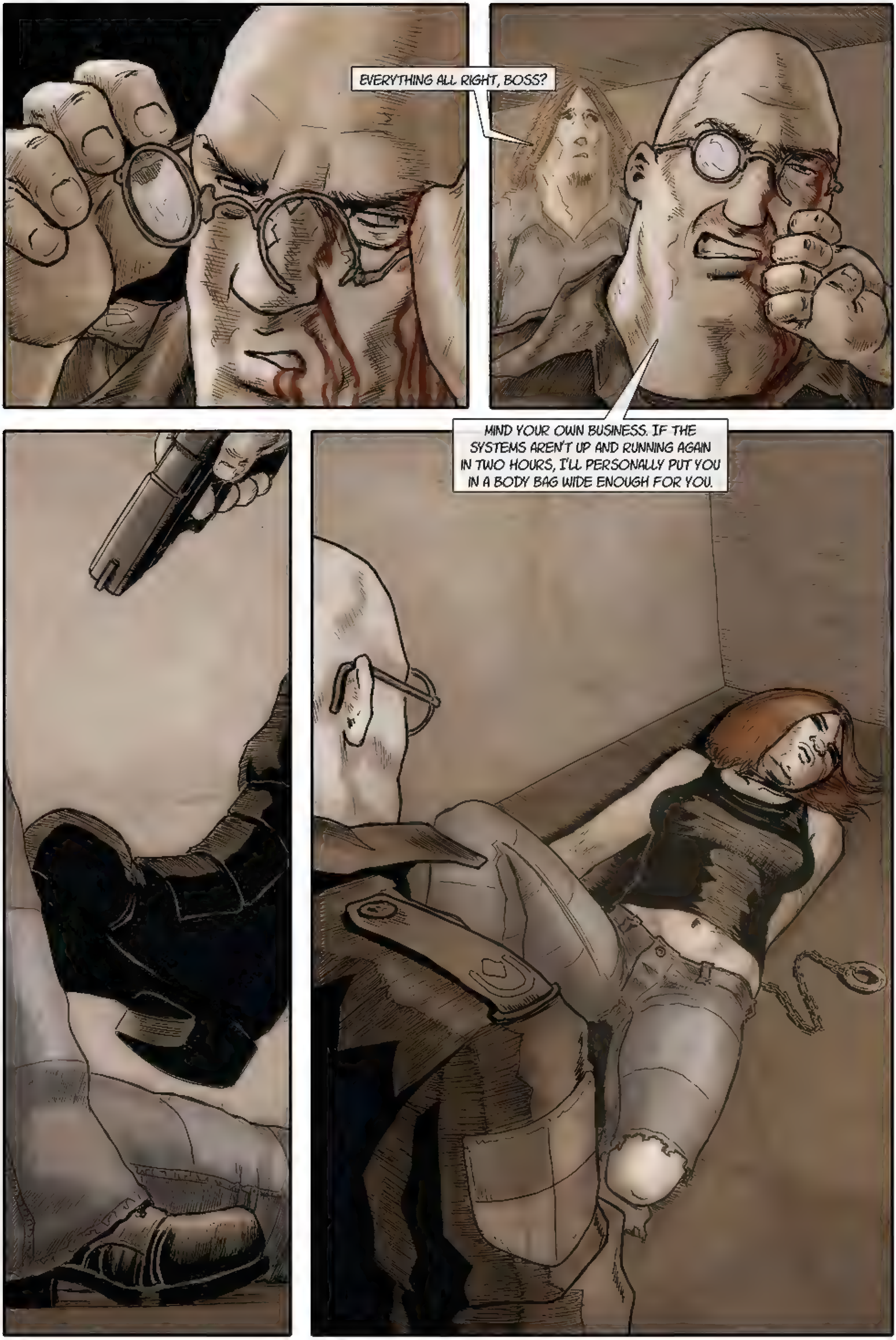

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF PENETRATING THE BASE?
QUITE HIGH…
I'VE MADE PROVISIONS IN CASE MY COLLEAGUES DECIDE TO GET RID OF ME. THROUGHOUT THE SECURITY SECTOR, THE FRONTEX NETWORK IS BEING ATTACKED IN CASCADES WITH MY BEST VIRUSES. I CAN VIVIDLY IMAGINE MY MODERATELY TALENTED DEPUTY DESPAIRING.
THE BLIND FREAK HAS ALMOST ELIMINATED THE ENTIRE FIGHTING FORCE IN THE SECTOR.
THE BOMB HAS ALSO MADE A BREACH IN THE WALL. THE SMUGGLING GANGS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS.
THE MEAGRE REMAINDER OF THE ARMY WILL THEREFORE DEFEND THE BORDER. IN SHORT, THERE ARE FEW TROOPS AT THE BASE AND NO SECURITY TECHNOLOGY AT ALL. BUT THE BEST THING IS…
FRONTEX ALWAYS REACTS THE SAME WAY. SEAL OFF THE CRISIS AREA, MOVE THE BORDER TO THE WEST, BUILD A NEW WALL! THE TROOPS THAT HAVE FAILED WILL BE DECLARED OUTLAWED. A WONDERFUL CHAOS WILL BREAK OUT THAT WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF.

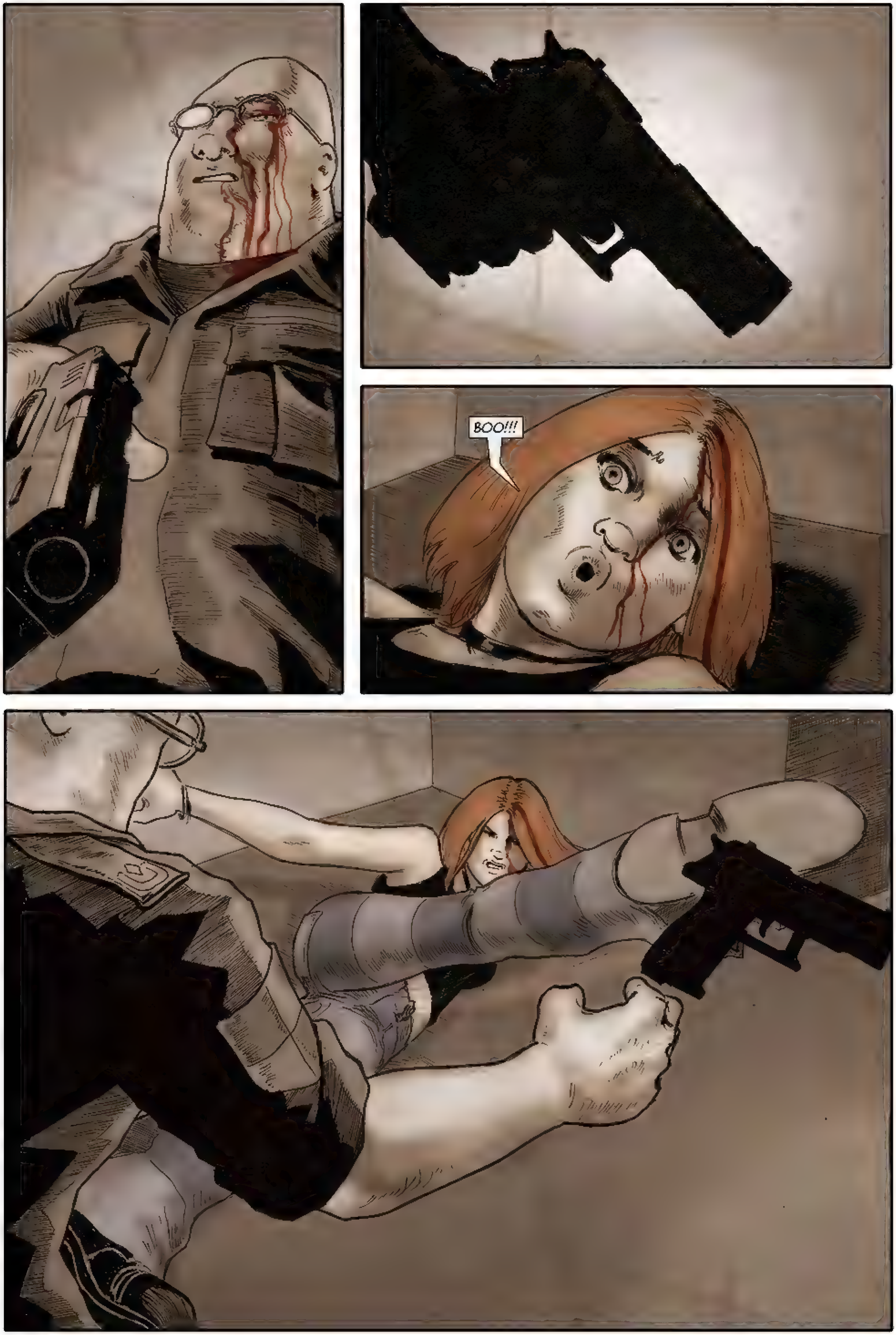

HERE'S MY PLAN: I'LL MAKE MY SUCCESSOR AN OFFER HE CAN'T REFUSE. IN RETURN, HE'LL LEAVE A DOOR OR TWO OPEN AT THE BASE AND I'LL GUIDE YOU THROUGH ALL THE OTHER BARRIERS FROM HERE. YOU FREE DODO. YOU SET ME FREE.
CAN WE TAKE CHARLIE TO A DOCTOR NOW?
NO LONGER NECESSARY. SHE IS DEAD.
WHAT DO YOU WANT? I DON'T LIKE LEAVING GREEN GLASSES ALONE.
DON'T WORRY. IF HE JUST TWITCHES, HE'S ALREADY GOT A BOLT IN HIS BRAIN.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M AFRAID OF.

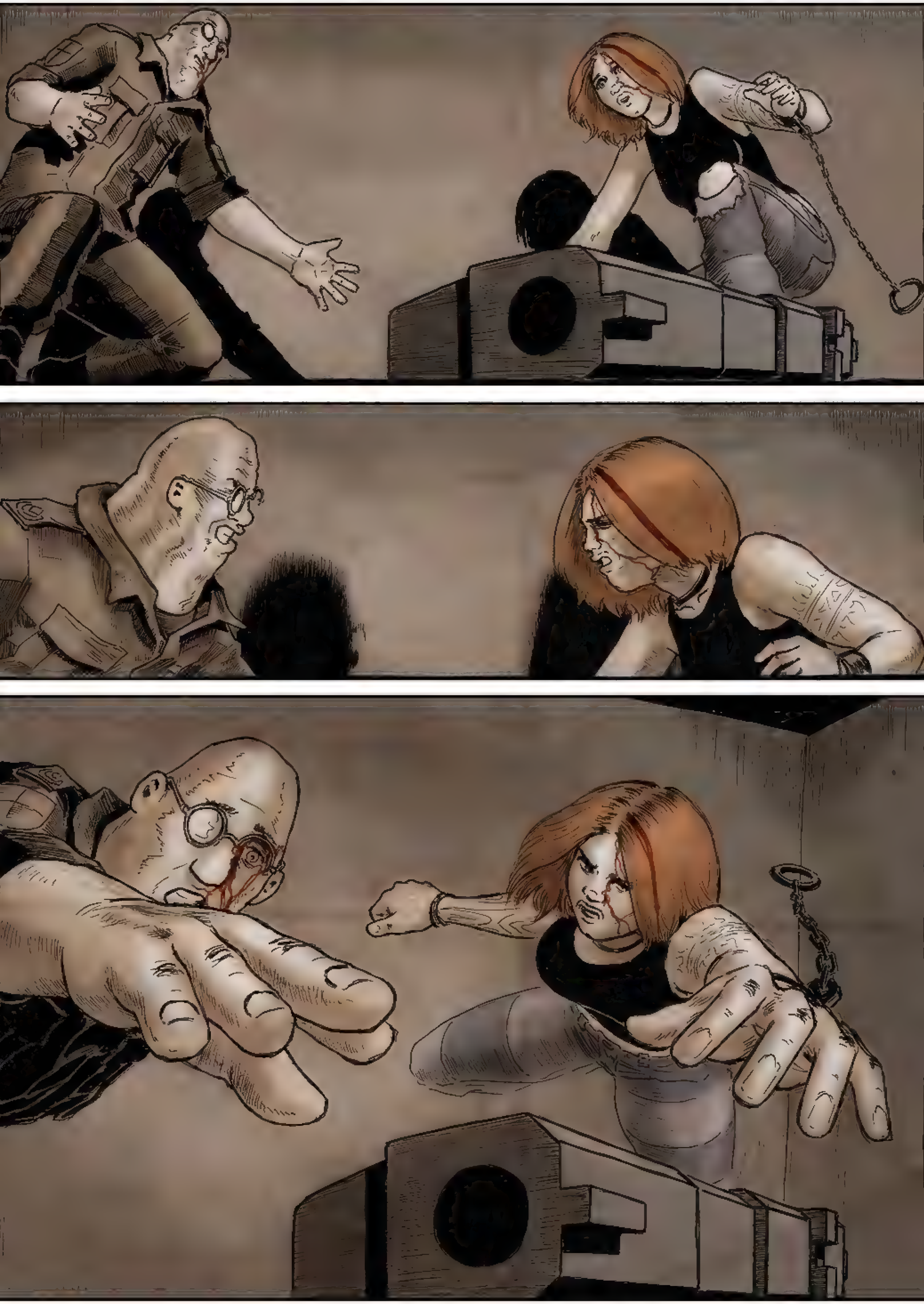

CHARLIE WAS MY EMOTIONAL ANCHOR. I NEED SOMEONE TO COMFORT ME.
AND DODO IS MY ANCHOR. AND DODO, UNLIKE CHARLIE, IS HOPEFULLY STILL ALIVE. ONCE WE'VE FREED DODO, WE CAN STILL HAVE A FUNERAL SERVICE...
...WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS?
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE? I'LL OPEN THE BRA FOR YOU.
COMFORT ME!
I DON'T WANT THAT.
SO WHY DO YOU KEEP COMING UP THE STAIRS INSTEAD OF GOING BACK DOWN?

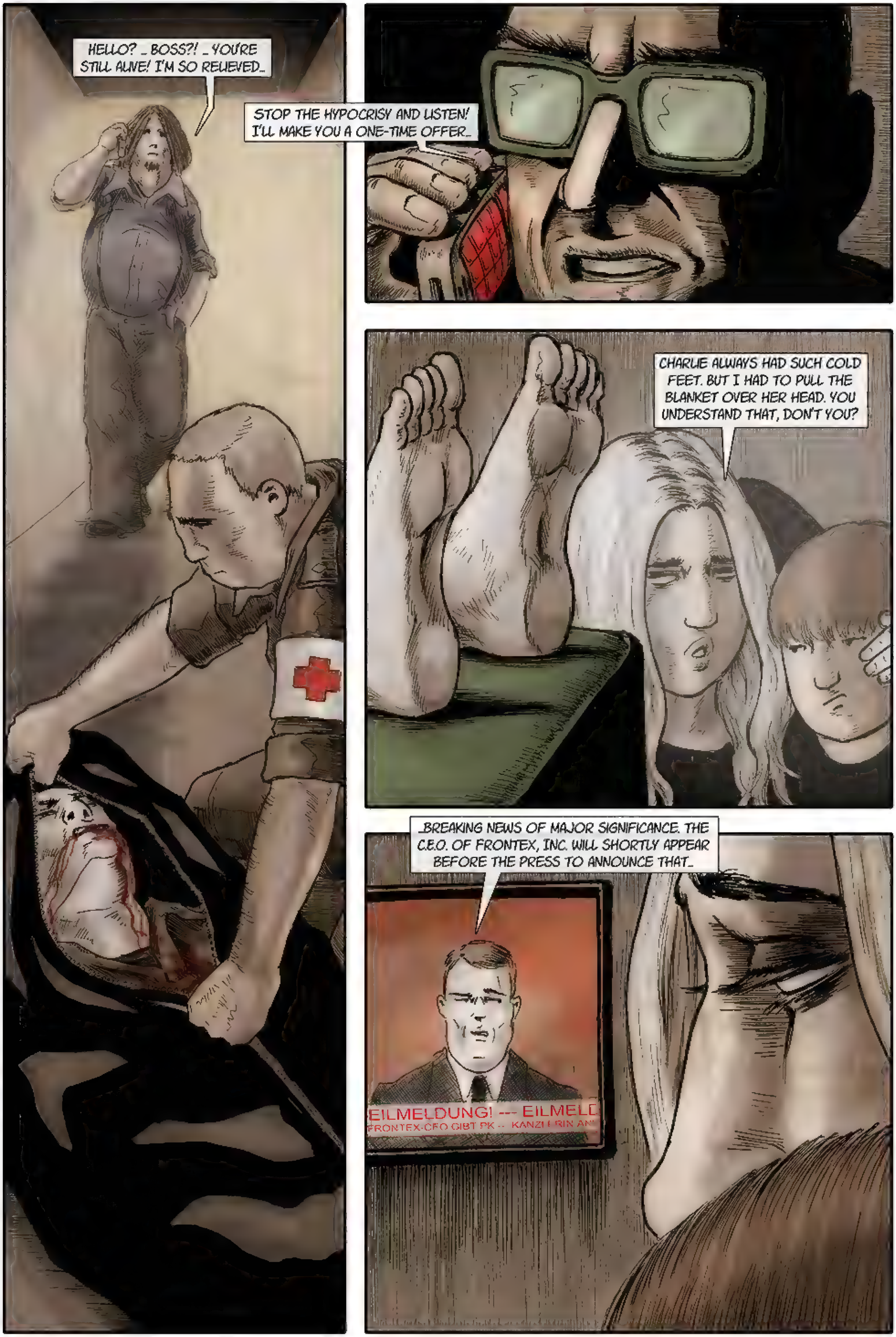

COME ON. YOU WANT IT TOO. I CAN HEAR THAT.
ARE YOU TRYING TO HYPNOTIZE ME WITH YOUR STRANGE EYES?
THAT FEELS SO GOOD.
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING HERE?
ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE ME HERE LIKE THIS?
COME BACK AND FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED!!!

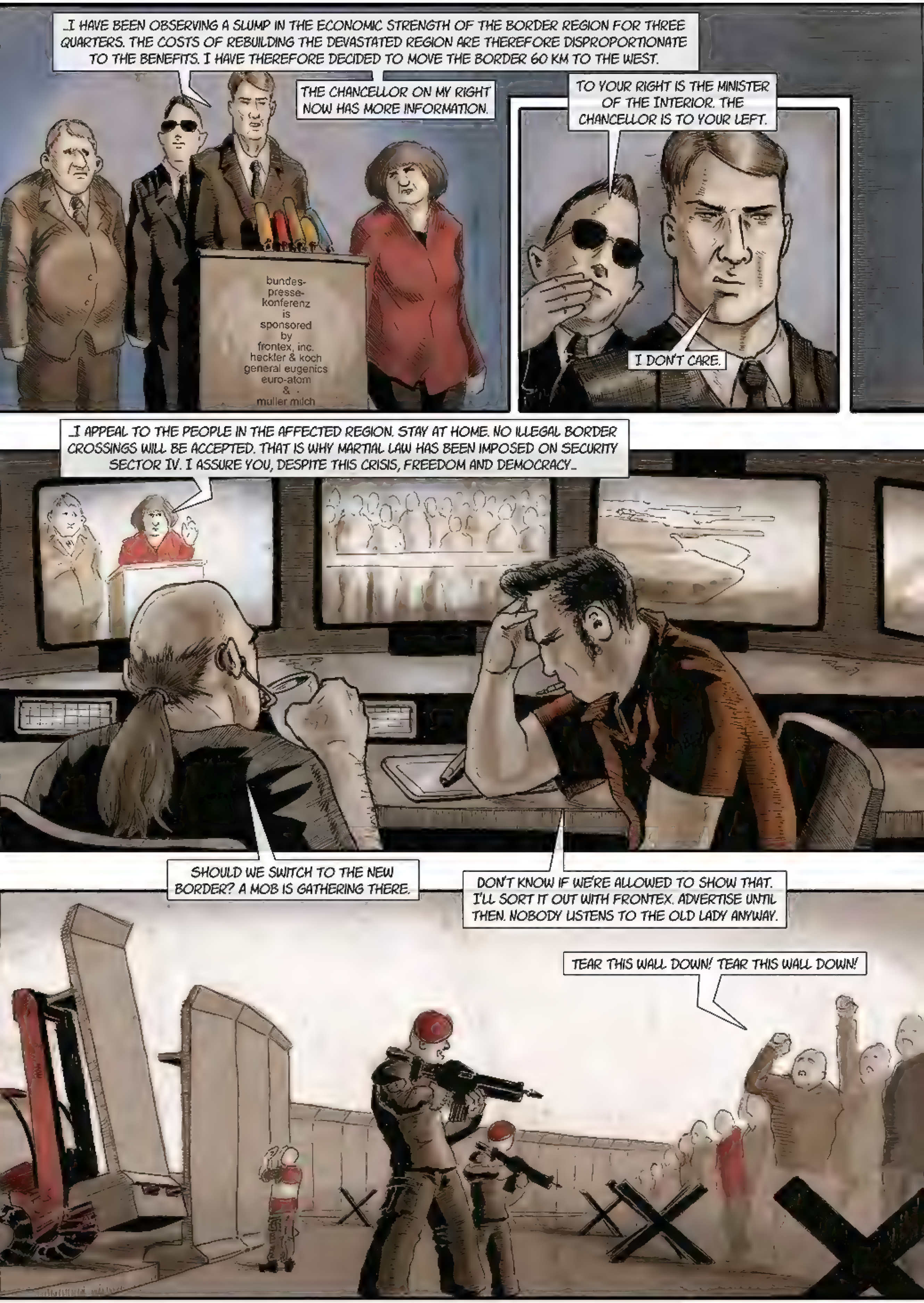

THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME THE EMBARRASSMENT.
JUST SHUT THE FUCK UP! AND GET UP! WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE.
GREEN GLASSES IS HERE TO STAY.
YOU CAN'T STOP ME.
NOT ME. BUT MUELLER III CAN.
PUT THE BOW DOWN OR I'LL HURT YOU!
SURE, YOU CAN GET OUTTA HERE BY FORCE. BUT WHAT GOOD IS THE BEST HACKER IF YOU NO LONGER HAVE NETWORK ACCESS?
I'M AFRAID THE FREAK IS RIGHT.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU WON'T GET DODO BACK WITHOUT MY SECURE LINE. IT'S A SIMPLE BILL I'M SETTLING WITH YOU. I TRUSTED YOU WITH CHARLIE'S LIFE. YOU FAILED. STILL, I'LL HELP YOU SAVE DODO. I'LL ONLY DESTROY YOUR RELATIONSHIP. NOW GO BACK UPSTAIRS AND DO YOUR DUTY, PRIVATE.


EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, BOSS?
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS. IF THE SYSTEMS AREN'T UP AND RUNNING AGAIN IN TWO HOURS, I'LL PERSONALLY PUT YOU IN A BODY BAG WIDE ENOUGH FOR YOU.


BOO!!!




HELLO? …BOSS?! …YOU'RE STILL ALIVE! I'M SO RELIEVED…
STOP THE HYPOCRISY AND LISTEN! I'LL MAKE YOU A ONE-TIME OFFER…
CHARLIE ALWAYS HAD SUCH COLD FEET. BUT I HAD TO PULL THE BLANKET OVER HER HEAD. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, DON'T YOU?
…BREAKING NEWS OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE. THE C.E.O. OF FRONTEX, INC. WILL SHORTLY APPEAR BEFORE THE PRESS TO ANNOUNCE THAT…
EILMELDUNG! --- EILMELD
FRONTEX-CEO GIBT PK -- KANZLERIN AN


...I HAVE BEEN OBSERVING A SLUMP IN THE ECONOMIC STRENGTH OF THE BORDER REGION FOR THREE QUARTERS. THE COSTS OF REBUILDING THE DEVASTATED REGION ARE THEREFORE DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE BENEFITS. I HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED TO MOVE THE BORDER 60 KM TO THE WEST.
THE CHANCELLOR ON MY RIGHT NOW HAS MORE INFORMATION.
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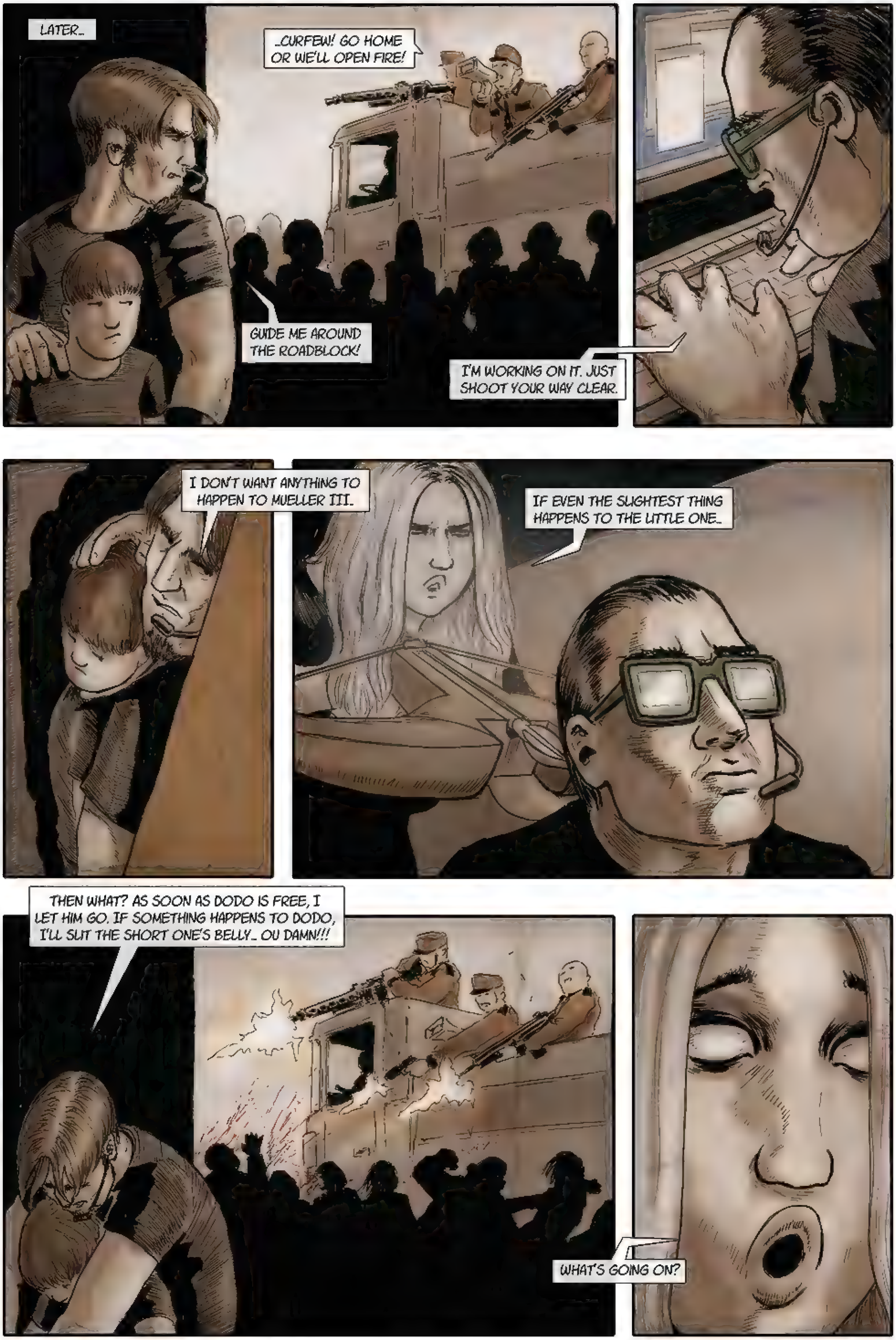
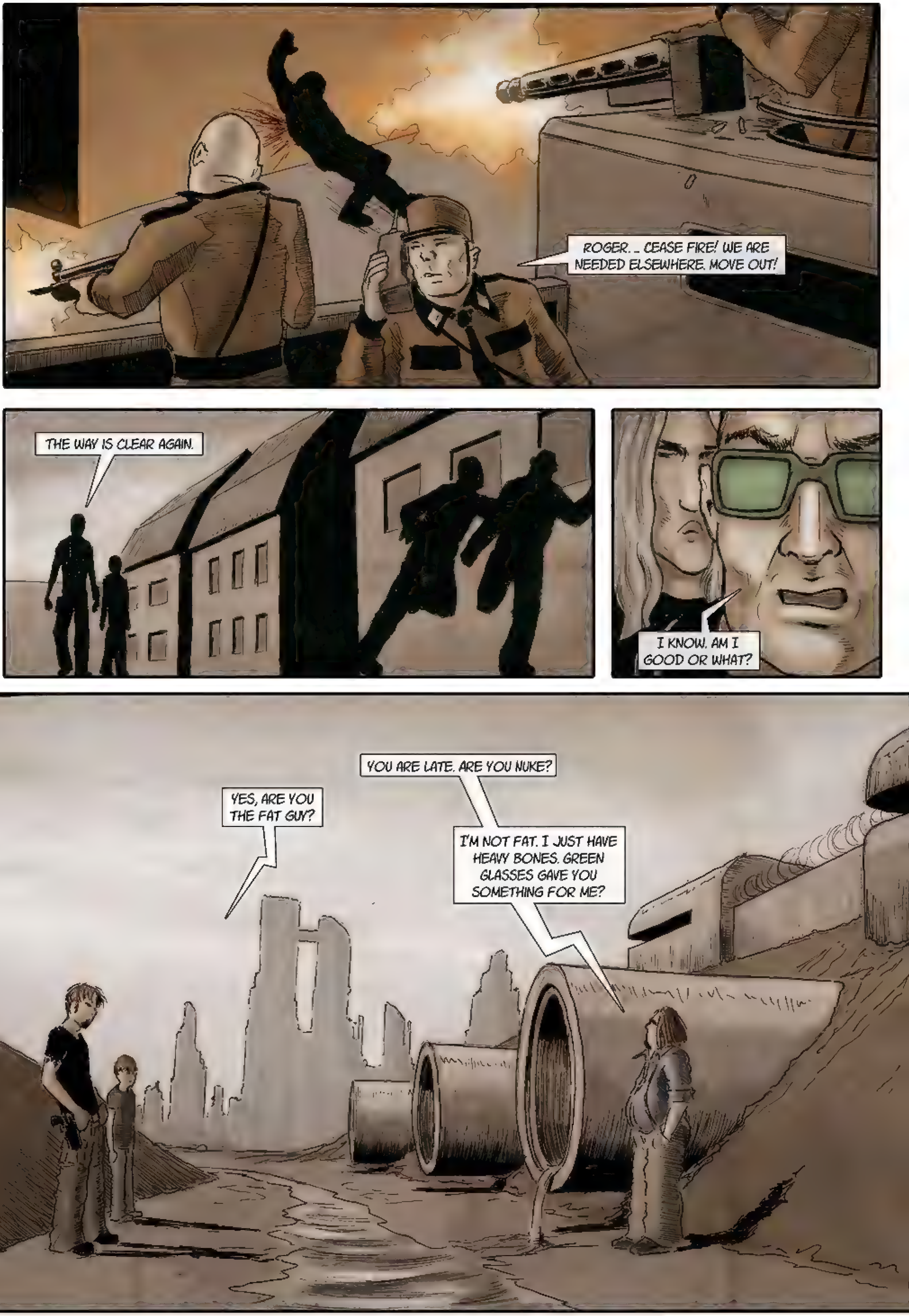
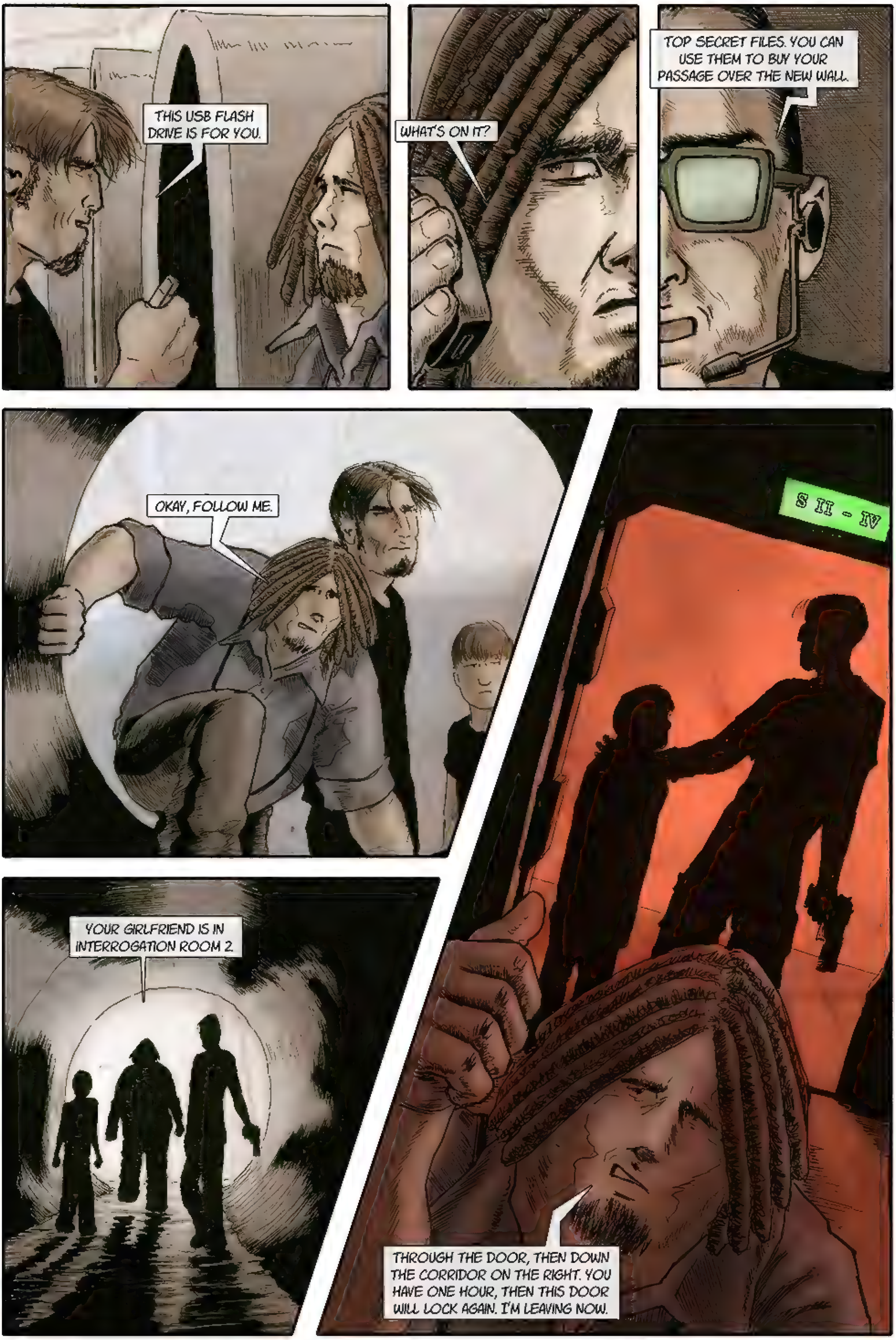
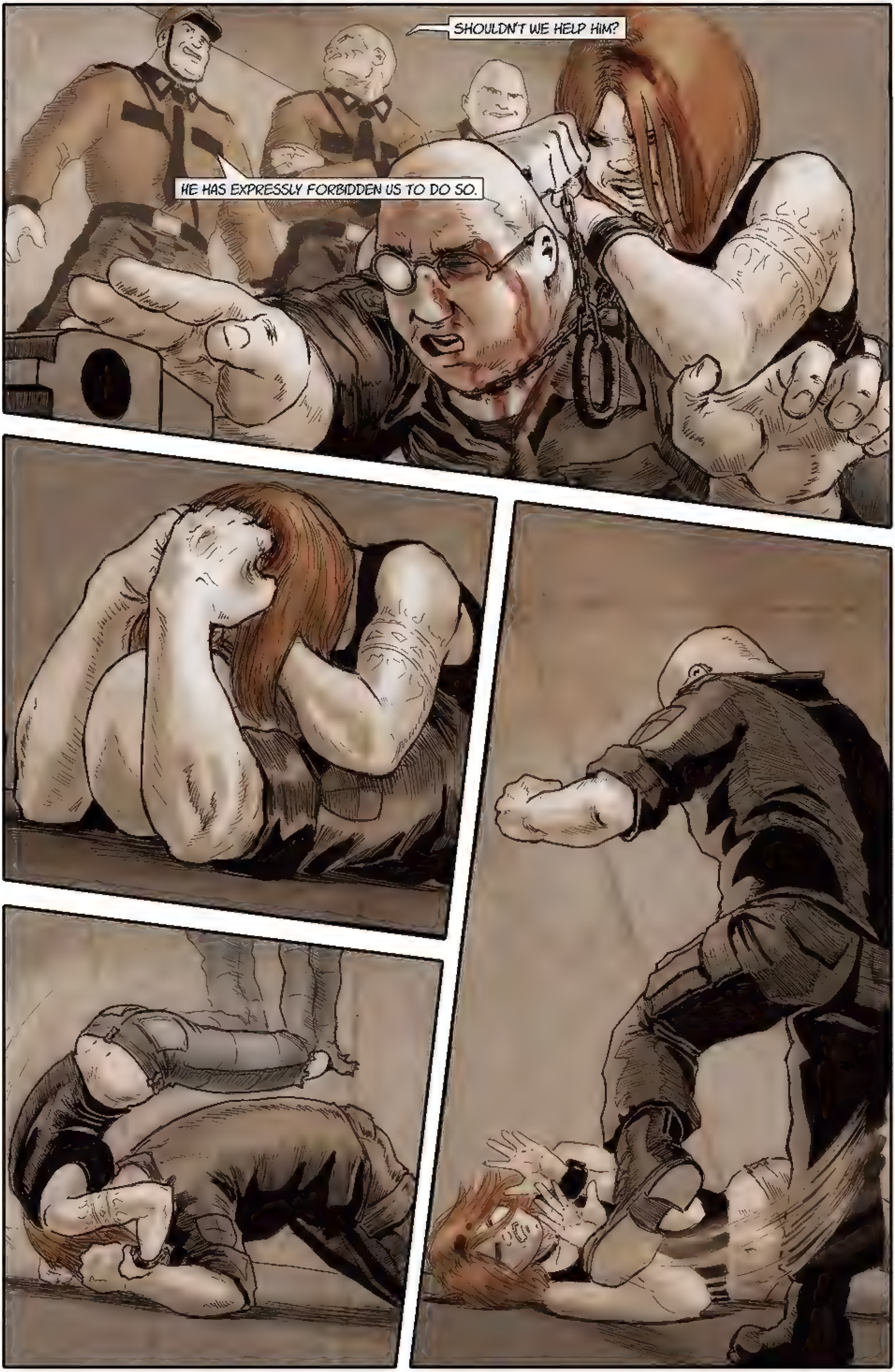
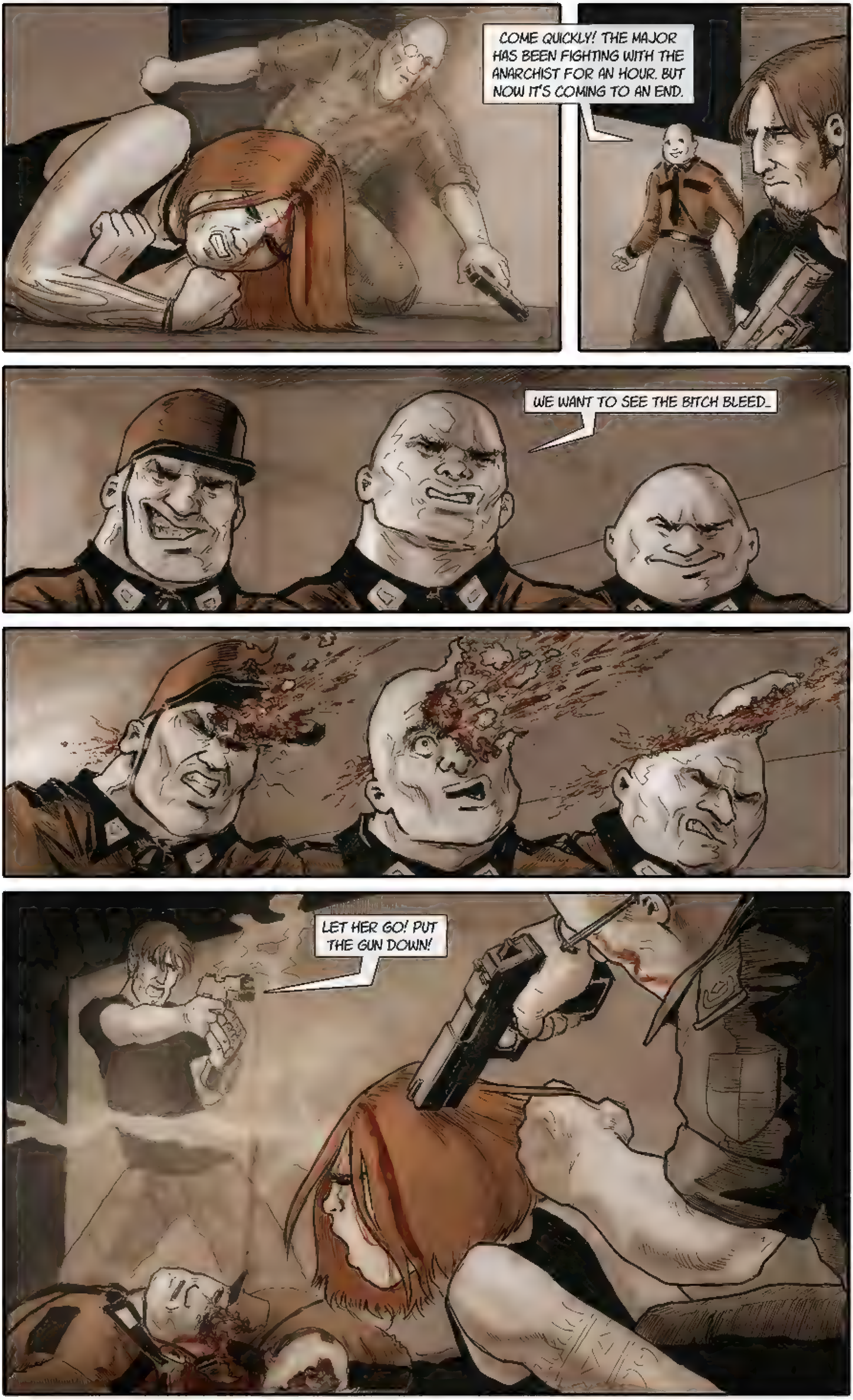
TO YOUR RIGHT IS THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. THE CHANCELLOR IS TO YOUR LEFT.
I DON'T CARE.
...I APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE IN THE AFFECTED REGION. STAY AT HOME. NO ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED. THAT IS WHY MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON SECURITY SECTOR IV. I ASSURE YOU, DESPITE THIS CRISIS, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY...
SHOULD WE SWITCH TO THE NEW BORDER? A MOB IS GATHERING THERE.
DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE ALLOWED TO SHOW THAT. I'LL SORT IT OUT WITH FRONTEX. ADVERTISE UNTIL THEN. NOBODY LISTENS TO THE OLD LADY ANYWAY.
TEAR THIS WALL DOWN! TEAR THIS WALL DOWN!

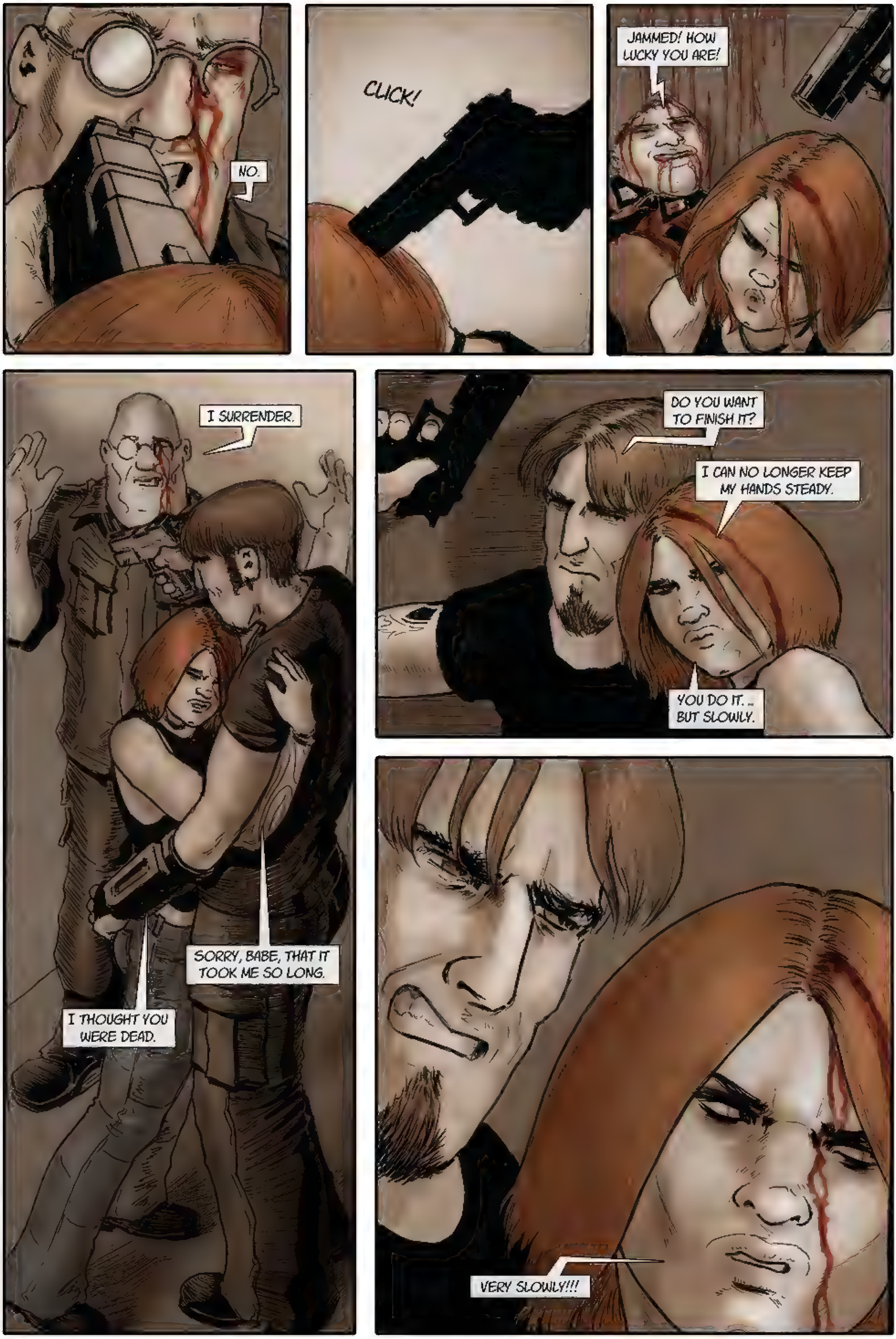

LATER..
..CURFEW! GO HOME OR WE'LL OPEN FIRE!
GUIDE ME AROUND THE ROADBLOCK!
I'M WORKING ON IT. JUST SHOOT YOUR WAY CLEAR.
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN TO MUELLER III.
IF EVEN THE SLIGHTEST THING HAPPENS TO THE LITTLE ONE..
THEN WHAT? AS SOON AS DODO IS FREE, I LET HIM GO. IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO DODO, I'LL SLIT THE SHORT ONE'S BELLY.. OU DAMN!!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

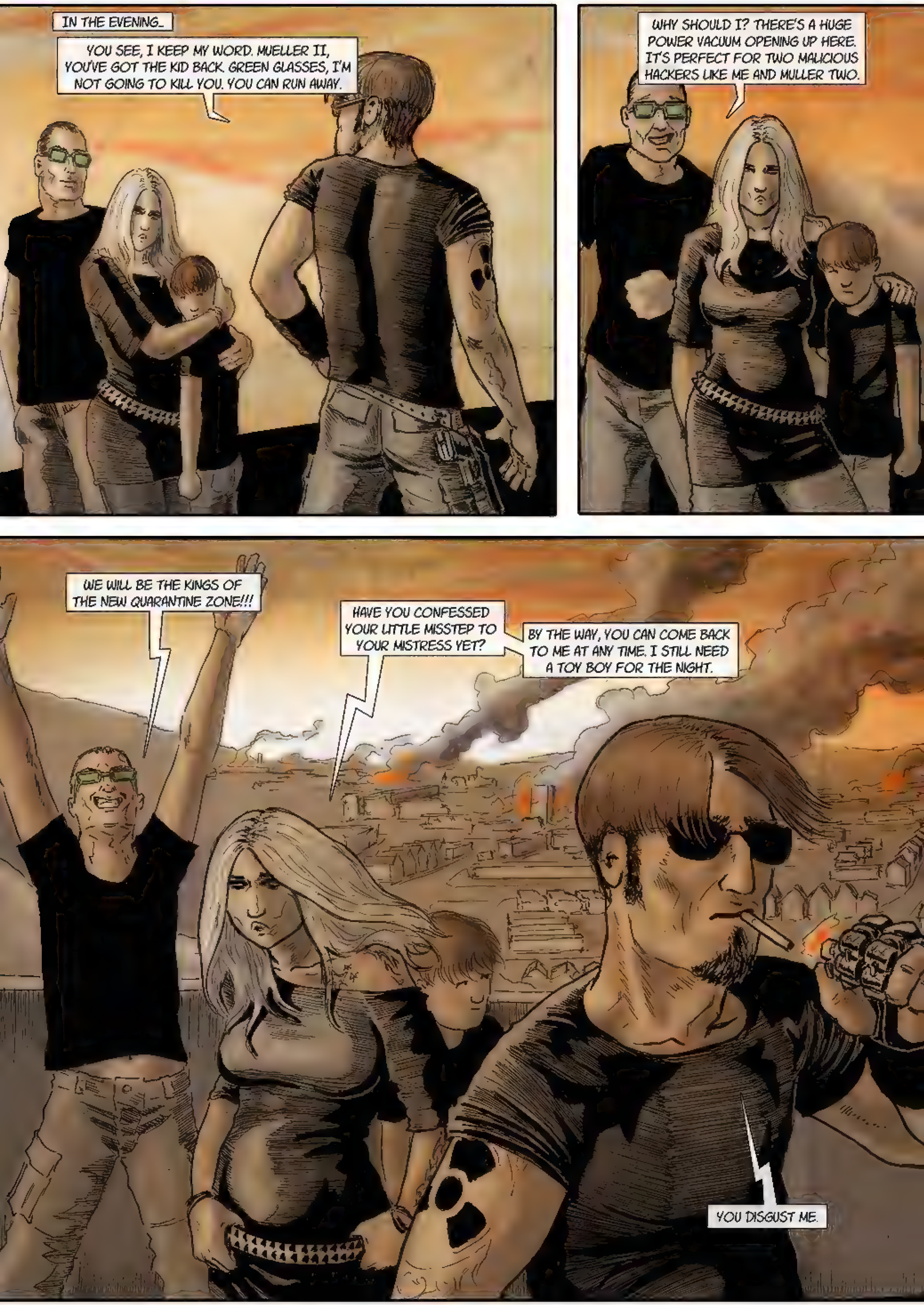

ROGER. .. CEASE FIRE! WE ARE NEEDED ELSEWHERE. MOVE OUT!
THE WAY IS CLEAR AGAIN.
I KNOW. AM I GOOD OR WHAT?
YOU ARE LATE. ARE YOU NUKE?
YES, ARE YOU THE FAT GUY?
I'M NOT FAT. I JUST HAVE HEAVY BONES. GREEN GLASSES GAVE YOU SOMETHING FOR ME?

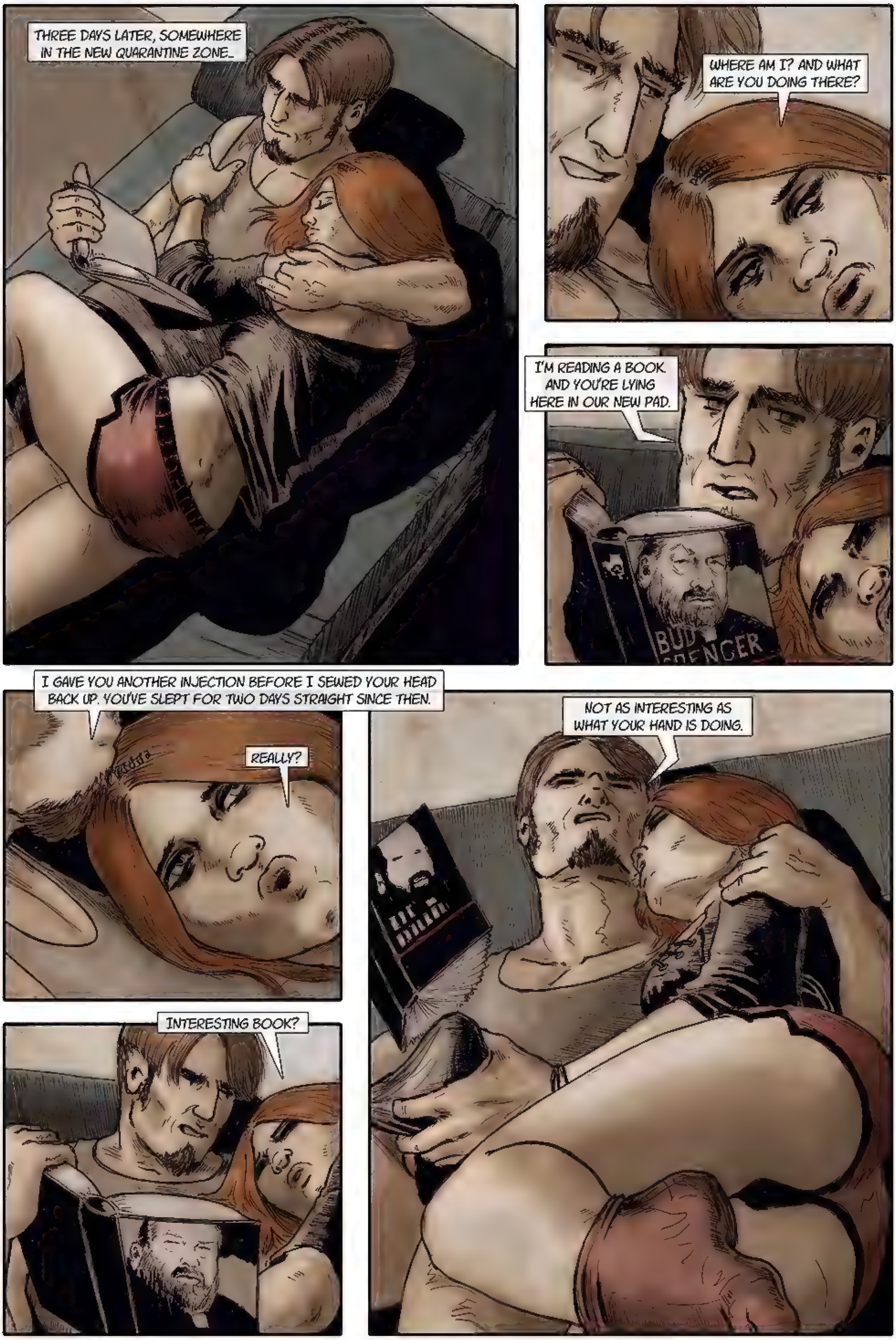

THIS USB FLASH DRIVE IS FOR YOU.
WHAT'S ON IT?
TOP SECRET FILES. YOU CAN USE THEM TO BUY YOUR PASSAGE OVER THE NEW WALL.
OKAY, FOLLOW ME.
S II - IV
YOUR GIRLFRIEND IS IN INTERROGATION ROOM 2.
THROUGH THE DOOR, THEN DOWN THE CORRIDOR ON THE RIGHT. YOU HAVE ONE HOUR, THEN THIS DOOR WILL LOCK AGAIN. I'M LEAVING NOW.

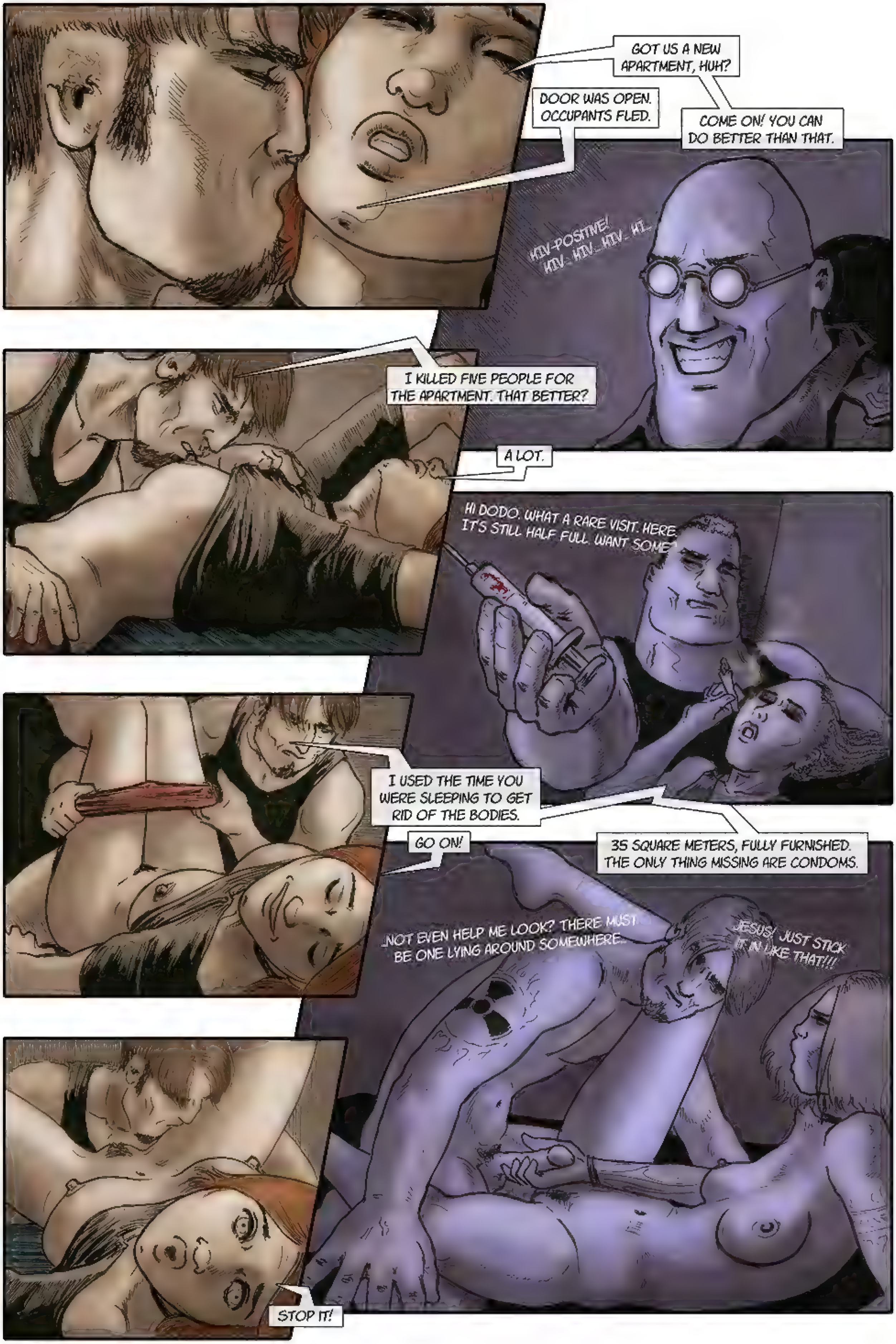

SHOULDN'T WE HELP HIM?
HE HAS EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN US TO DO SO.

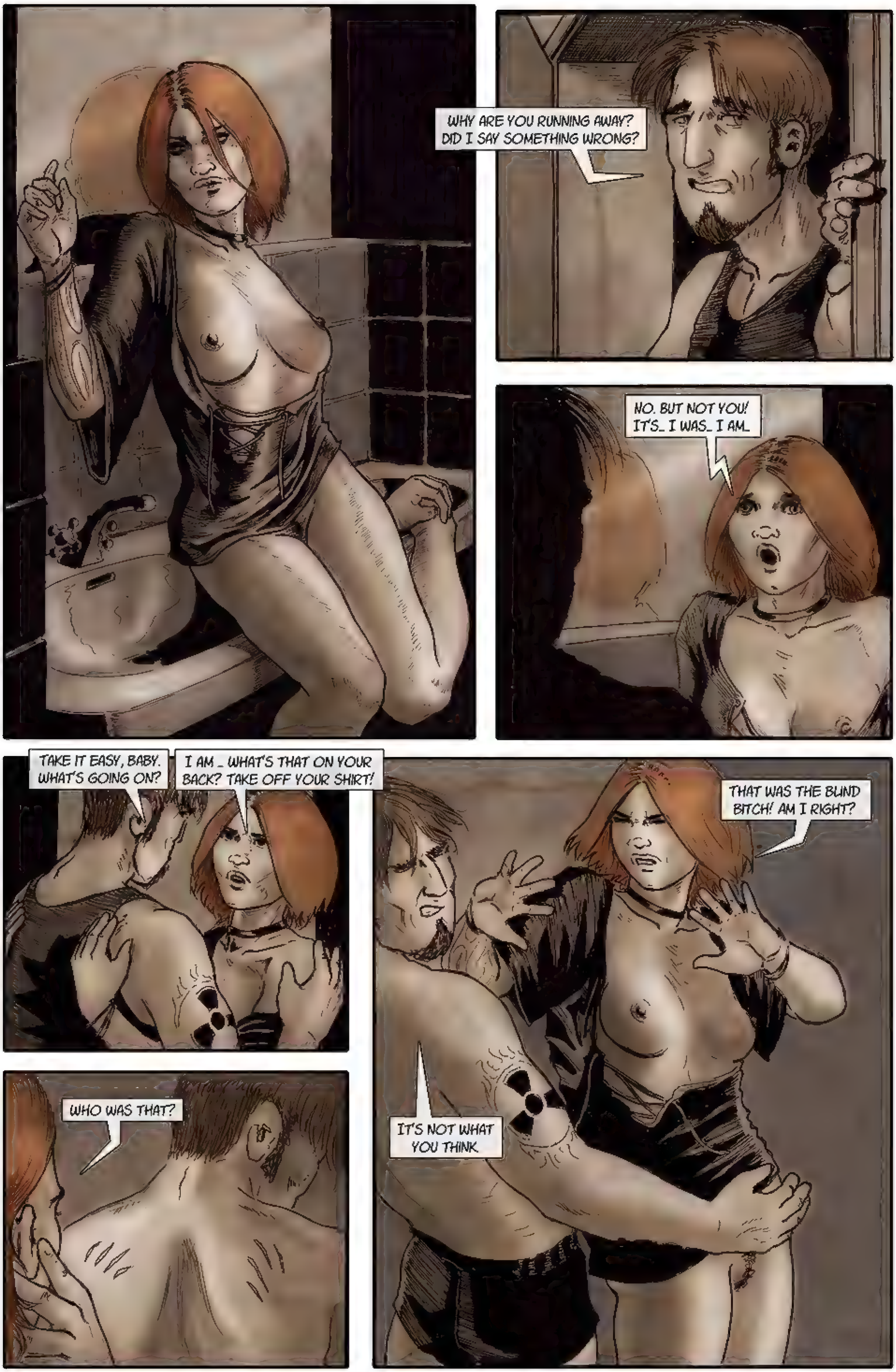

COME QUICKLY! THE MAJOR HAS BEEN FIGHTING WITH THE ANARCHIST FOR AN HOUR. BUT NOW IT'S COMING TO AN END.
WE WANT TO SEE THE BITCH BLEED_
LET HER GO! PUT THE GUN DOWN!

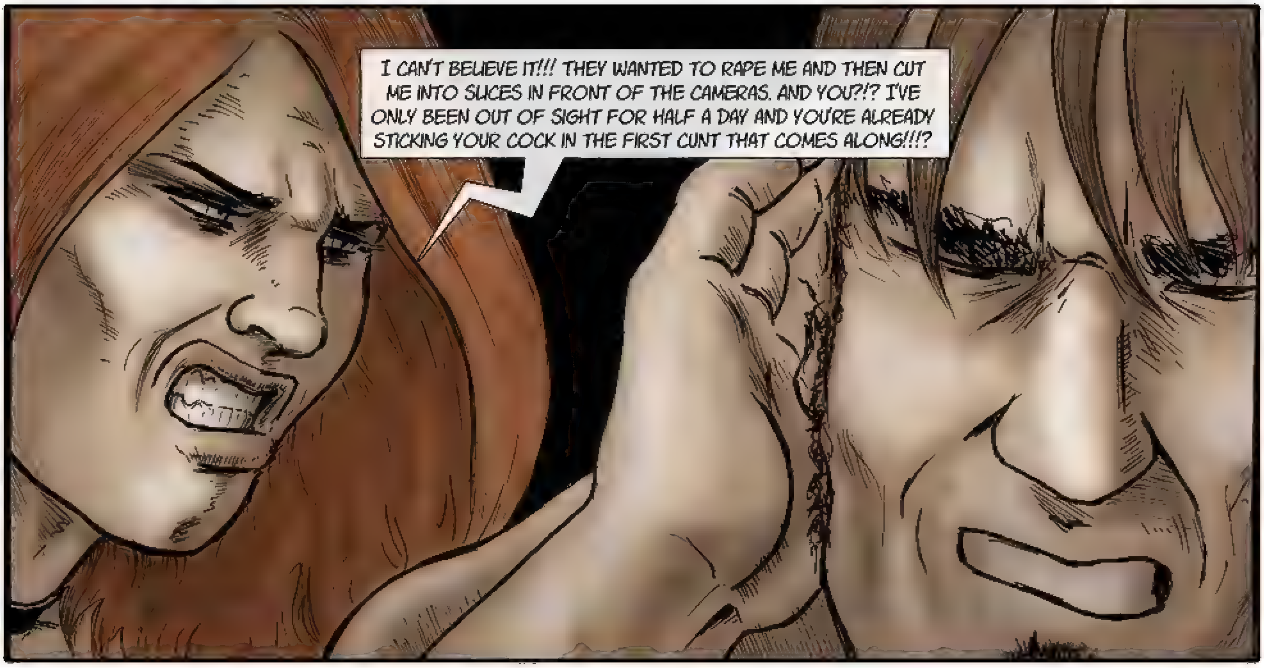

NO.
CLICK!
JAMMED! HOW LUCKY YOU ARE!
I SURRENDER.
SORRY, BABE, THAT IT TOOK ME SO LONG.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD.
DO YOU WANT TO FINISH IT?
I CAN NO LONGER KEEP MY HANDS STEADY.
YOU DO IT. .. BUT SLOWLY.
VERY SLOWLY!!!

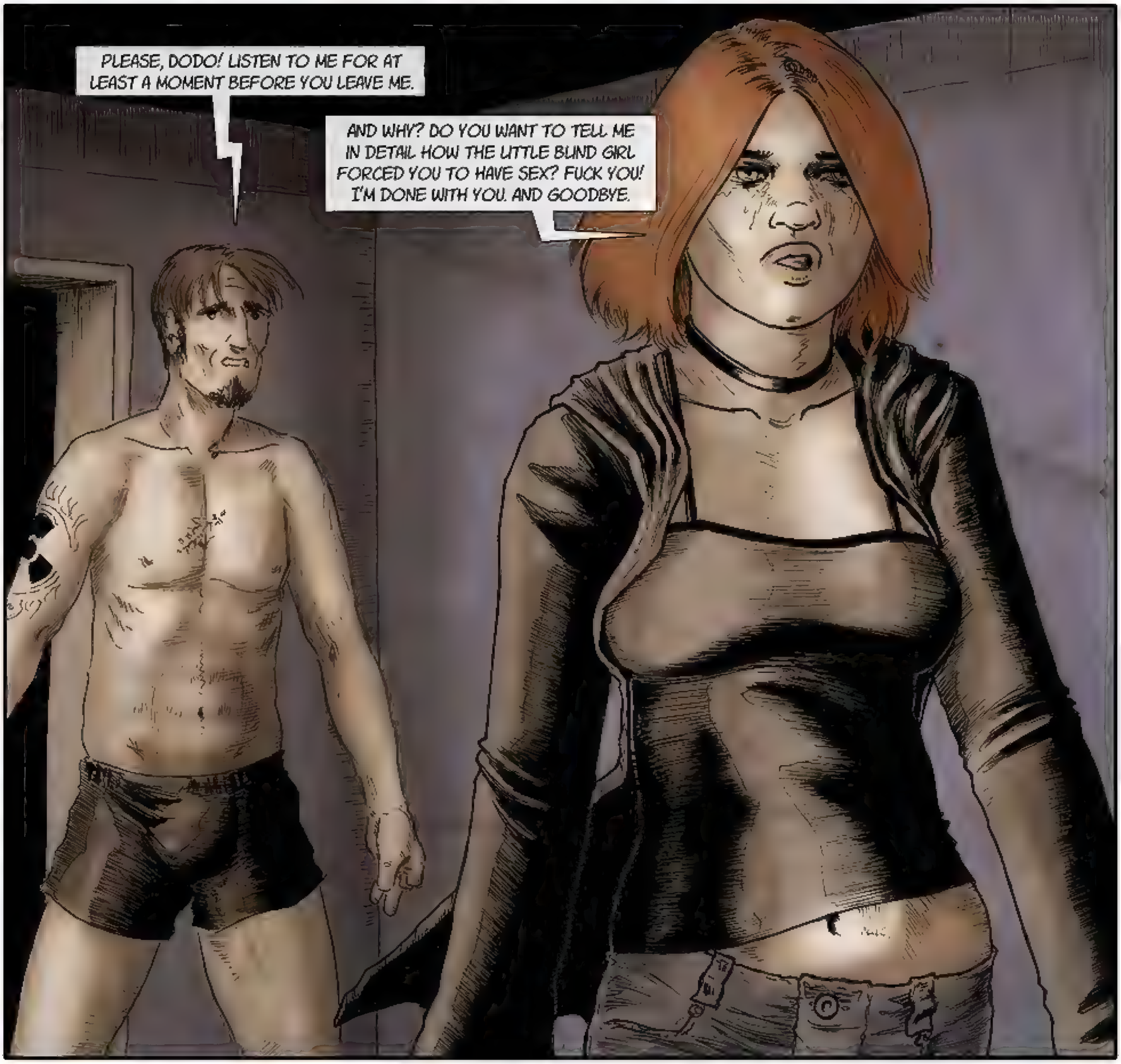

IN THE EVENING...
YOU SEE, I KEEP MY WORD. MUELLER II, YOU'VE GOT THE KID BACK. GREEN GLASSES, I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU. YOU CAN RUN AWAY.
WHY SHOULD I? THERE'S A HUGE POWER VACUUM OPENING UP HERE. IT'S PERFECT FOR TWO MALICIOUS HACKERS LIKE ME AND MULLER TWO.
WE WILL BE THE KINGS OF THE NEW QUARANTINE ZONE!!!
HAVE YOU CONFESSED YOUR LITTLE MISSTEP TO YOUR MISTRESS YET?
BY THE WAY, YOU CAN COME BACK TO ME AT ANY TIME. I STILL NEED A TOY BOY FOR THE NIGHT.
YOU DISGUST ME.


THREE DAYS LATER, SOMEWHERE IN THE NEW QUARANTINE ZONE...
WHERE AM I? AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?
I'M READING A BOOK. AND YOU'RE LYING HERE IN OUR NEW PAD.
I GAVE YOU ANOTHER INJECTION BEFORE I SEWED YOUR HEAD BACK UP. YOU'VE SLEPT FOR TWO DAYS STRAIGHT SINCE THEN.
REALLY?
INTERESTING BOOK?
NOT AS INTERESTING AS WHAT YOUR HAND IS DOING.


GOT US A NEW APARTMENT, HUH?
DOOR WAS OPEN. OCCUPANTS FLED.
COME ON! YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT.
HIV-POSITIVE! HIV... HIV... HIV... HI...
I KILLED FIVE PEOPLE FOR THE APARTMENT. THAT BETTER?
A LOT.
HI DODO. WHAT A RARE VISIT. HERE. IT'S STILL HALF FULL. WANT SOME?
I USED THE TIME YOU WERE SLEEPING TO GET RID OF THE BODIES.
GO ON!
35 SQUARE METERS, FULLY FURNISHED. THE ONLY THING MISSING ARE CONDOMS.
...NOT EVEN HELP ME LOOK? THERE MUST BE ONE LYING AROUND SOMEWHERE...
JESUS! JUST STICK IT IN LIKE THAT!!!
STOP IT!


WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY? DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?
NO. BUT NOT YOU! IT'S_ I WAS_ I AM_
TAKE IT EASY, BABY. WHAT'S GOING ON?
I AM _ WHAT'S THAT ON YOUR BACK? TAKE OFF YOUR SHIRT!
THAT WAS THE BLIND BITCH! AM I RIGHT?
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK.
WHO WAS THAT?


I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!! THEY WANTED TO RAPE ME AND THEN CUT ME INTO SLICES IN FRONT OF THE CAMERAS. AND YOU?!? I'VE ONLY BEEN OUT OF SIGHT FOR HALF A DAY AND YOU'RE ALREADY STICKING YOUR COCK IN THE FIRST CUNT THAT COMES ALONG!!!?


PLEASE, DODO! LISTEN TO ME FOR AT LEAST A MOMENT BEFORE YOU LEAVE ME.
AND WHY? DO YOU WANT TO TELL ME IN DETAIL HOW THE LITTLE BLIND GIRL FORCED YOU TO HAVE SEX? FUCK YOU! I'M DONE WITH YOU. AND GOODBYE.

HADES-SYNDROME

COLLECTOR´S EDITION

THE LAST GIG

HADES SYNDROME - THE LAST GIG (2024)

THE BEGINNING OF THE POST-APOCALYPTIC SAGA OF DODO AND NUKE CONTAINS THE STORIES "THE LAST GIG" (2011) AND "CROSSFIRE 1 AND 2" (2013)

HADES SYNDROME
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HADES SYNDROME - HUNTING SEASON (2021)

THE SERIAL KILLER DEARHUNTER MAKES THE QUARANTINE ZONE UNSAFE. DODO AND NUKE DECIDE TO HUNT DOWN THE KILLER.
THIS ANTHOLOGY CONTAINS THE ISSUES "HUNTING SEASON I TO VI" AND "FREE WILL" (ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED FROM 2014 TO 2016).

HADES SYNDROME - THE ESCAPE (2025)

DODO AND NUKE HAVE TO LEAVE THE QUARANTINE ZONE AND DARE TO ESCAPE OVER THE WALL.
ORIGINALLY TITLED HADES SYNDROME, THE SIX-PART SERIES WAS FIRST PUBLISHED BETWEEN 2007 AND 2012.

HADES SYNDROME - EPITAPH (EXPECTED 2027)

SIX YEARS AFTER THE ESCAPE.
THE END OF THE GREAT SAGA OF DODO AND NUKE.
THE FIRST THREE ISSUES WERE PUBLISHED FROM 2015 TO 2018. THE TWO MISSING ISSUES ARE EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED IN 2024 AND 2025.
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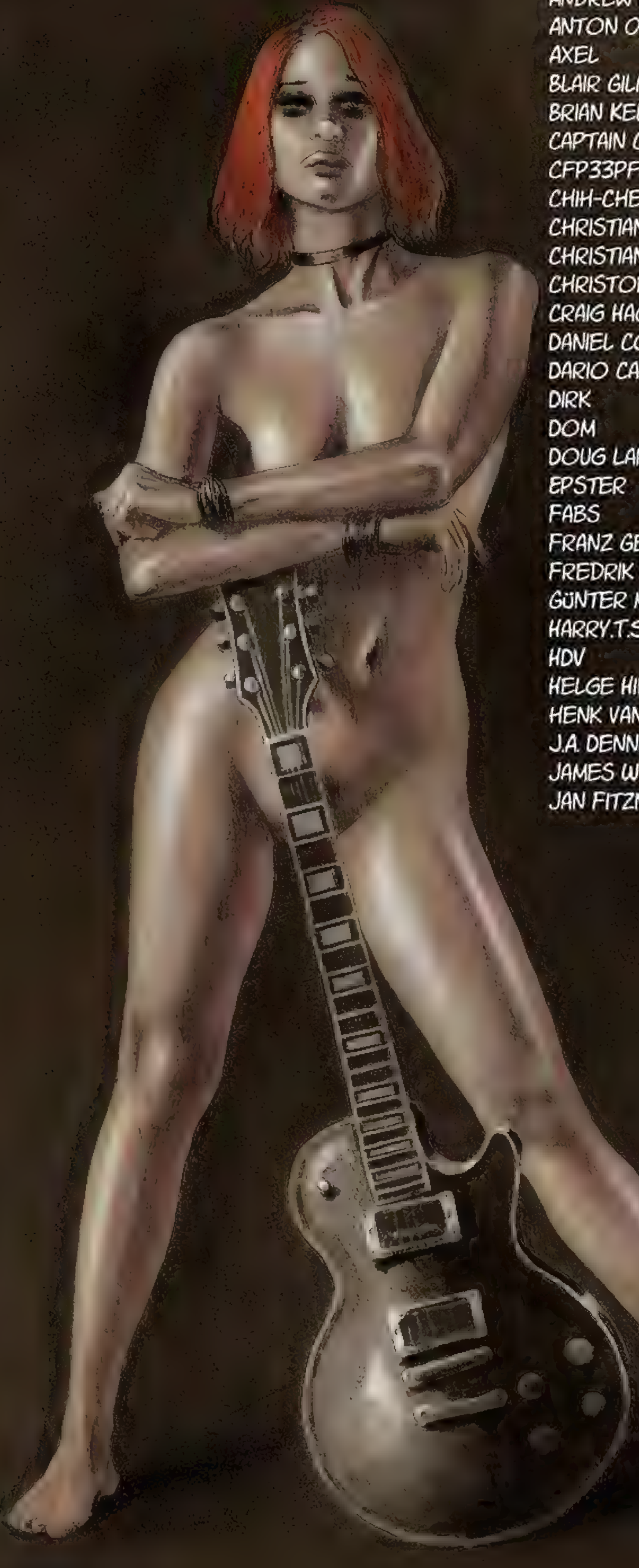

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